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OF THE

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OF THE

CITY OF BOSTON,

CONTAINING THE

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The Twenty-third Report of the Record Commissioners continues the Proceedings of the Boston Selectmen from January, 1769, to April 19, 1775. During this period, the entries refer almost exclusively to the same matter as in more peaceful times, only one or two paragraphs dealing with the presence of British troops. For expressions of the feeling of the citizens, reference must be made to the record of the Town Meetings, printed in our eighteenth report.

The Record Commissioners' Department has been consolidated with the Registry Department during the past year, but provision has been made for the completion of the publication of the Town records. A volume of Marriages between 1700 and 1800 is in press, under the supervision of William S. Appleton, Esq., and other volumes will be printed as fast as possible.

William H. Whitmore,
City Registrar.

City Hall, February 22, 1893.

SELECTMEN'S MINUTES.

BOOK THIRTEENTH.

[*Continued.*]

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Jany. 4. 1769 Present Henshaw, Jackson, Ruddock, Rowe —— Pemberton, Inches.

The following was sent the Assessors of the Town

Gentlemen

It is our Opinion that the following Persons Inhabitants of other Towns in this Province, ought to be taxed here, for the Real Estates they Occupy, and the business they do here, it being agreable to Law — Viz^{t}.—

James Russell Esqr. Elisha Doane Esqr.
Ralph Inman Esqr. John Boreland Esqr.
Joseph Palmer & Comp^{y}. Jerathmiel Bowers Esqr.
Seth Blodget

We are Gentlemen

Your humble servants

JOSHUA HENSHAW
JOSEPH JACKSON
JOHN RUDDOCK
JOHN HANCOCK
JOHN ROWE
SAMUEL PEMBERTON
} Selectmen of Boston.

To
The Assessors of the Town
of Boston
Boston December 28. 1768.

[**169.**] Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Jany. 11. 1769 — Present Henshaw Jackson, Hancock, Pemberton, Inches, Rowe,

Complaint having been made to the Selectmen by Mess: Ballard Lewis & others, that the Chimnies of a House on Ship Street is insufficient & dangerous the following Warrant was given —

Messrs. Elijah Hews & John Brown

Complaint being made to us that the Chimnies of a House in Ship Street occupied by Persons unknown and owned by William

Page are insufficient and dangerous we desire and impower you to survey the same and Report to us your Judgment concerning them —

JOSHUA HENSHAW
JOSEPH JACKSON
JOHN RUDDOCK
JOHN HANCOCK
JOHN ROWE
SAMUEL PEMBERTON
} Selectmen of Boston

Boston January 11, 1769

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Jany. 13. 1769 Present, Henshaw, Jackson, Hancock, Pemberton, Ruddock, Rowe

Passed upon George Hardwick's Province Acco^{ts}. amounting to £2 . 16 / — as p. Copy on file —

Voted, That the Select Men Consent that Capt. Paddock & the other officers of the Artillery Company should Erect a Gun House upon the Towns Land near the Common for the Accommodation of said Company, the Expence of which not to Exceed Sixty six pounds thirteen shillings & four pence, & the Select Men Engage to use their Influence with the Town that said officers shall have a Lease of said Land for a suitable Term of years, but if the Town will not give the Lease, the Select Men in their Capacity agree to Give them a Draft on the Town Treasurer for the Expence of said Building.

[170.] Boston Ss: At a meeting of the Selectmen Jany. 16. 1769 — Present Henshaw, Jackson, Ruddock, Hancock, Pemberton, Inches.

M^{r}. Farmer Keeper of the Alms house was directed to receive into said House on the Province Account one Mary Murray a Stranger & not an Inhabitant of any Town in this Province nor having wherewithall to support herself —

Coll^{o}. Jackson appointed to procure what Scales & Weights for the Market are necessary

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Jany. 18. 1769 Present Jackson, Ruddock, Hancock, Pemberton,

Voted that M^{r}. Love be directed to see one Barret carried to Charlestown, as also one Diver to the place he belongs to —

Voted, that M^{r}. Treasurer Jeffries be permitted to discount with Gideon Gardner out of his Rent for the Neck twenty Pounds lawful Money for a new Building added to the Bull Pasture House provided he has or does immediately discharge the remaining part of his debt, former Vote of limitation not withstanding.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Jany. 19, 1769 Present Henshaw, Jackson, Ruddock, Hancock, Pemberton, Rowe.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Jany. 21. 1769 Present Henshaw, Jackson, Hancock, Pemberton, Inches.

South Watch complain of ill treatment received from Officers on Thursday Night —

[171.] Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Jany. 23^{d}. 1769. Present Henshaw, Jackson, Ruddock, Hancock, Rowe, Pemberton, Inches.

Voted, that a Warr^{t}. be issued for a Town Meeting on Fryday next at 3. O Clock P.M.

Voted, that Messrs. Fleets or Edes & Gill have the printing of the same —

Boston Ss: At a meeting of the Selectmen Jany. 25. 1769 Present Henshaw, Jackson, Ruddock, Rowe Pemberton, Inches

Passed upon Henry Stanbridges Province Account amounting to £1. 5. 4 — lawful Money —

Capt. Sharp of Engine N. 2. presented Daniel Man Warren as a suitable Person for his Comp^{y}. in the room of Samuel Brown dec^{d}. who was accepted accordingly

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Jany. 27. 1769 Present Jackson, Ruddock, Hancock, Rowe Pemberton, Inches

M^{r}. Edward Hollyday proposed Isaac Winslow Esqr. together with John Winslow, as bondsman for the discharge of his trust as a Collector of Taxes

Voted, that they be accepted, and that the Clerk be directed to give a Certificate to Mr. Hollyday when the Bonds are executed —

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Jany. 30. 1769 Present Henshaw, Jackson, Ruddock, Hancock,

One Zerviah Smith a Widow last from Marblehead formerly of Cape May in the Jerseys, being near laying in & not having wherewithall to support herself, was sent to the Almshouse on the Province Acco^{t}. by Coll^{o}. Henshaw & Jackson —

[172.] Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Jany. 31. 1769 Present Henshaw, Jackson, Ruddock, Hancock, Rowe, Pemberton, Inches.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Feby. 1. 1769 Present Henshaw, Jackson, Hancock, Rowe Inches

Ordered, that the Assize of Bread be set at Wheat at 6/ p. Bushel and that 6^{d}. p. Bushel be allowed to the Bakers for their Charges Pains and Livelihood which is computed as follows — Viz^{t}. —

A 4^{d}. Loaf Brown Bread $\frac{3}{4}$ Wheat $\frac{1}{4}$ Rye Meal must weigh	2 – 8 –
a 4^{d}. Ditto not above $\frac{1}{2}$ Indian Meal — - -	3 – 7 –
Bisket of a Copper piece - - - -	4 – 12

Cap. Sharp of Engine N. 2. appeared & claim'd for his Comp^{y}. the Premium allowed by the Town of 13/4 for bringing their Engine to play first at the Fire which lately broke out at a House near the Old North late the Estate of Mr. Blowers —

Voted, that the same be drawn for next Draft Day — drawn for

Capt. Read of Engine N. 5. applys by Mr. Shubal Hews for the Premium of 13/4 for bringing their Engine to play first at the Fire which broke out at the Jayl last Monday Night

Voted. that a draft be made for the same next Draft Day — (drawn for)

Passed upon Mr. Willistons Account of Supplys for going down to Deer Island on the Province service amounting to £5 . 5 . 7 –d

Voted, that Capt. Ruddock be empowered to Agree with one or more Men to keep Boats on Boston Side of Winnesimit Ferry on the best terms they can.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Feby. 3. 1769 Present Henshaw, Jackson, Ruddock, Hancock, Rowe, Pemberton, Inches.

The Selectmen considered the matter of Mr. Hollydays Sureties as offered in two Bonds, but nothing concluded —

[173.] Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Feby. 4. 1769 Present Henshaw, Jackson, Ruddock, Hancock, Rowe, Pemberton, Inches

The Selectmen having received Mr. Hollydays Bonds Ordered the Town Clerk to deliver a Certificate accordingly

Voted, that the Chairman, Mr. Pemberton, & Mr. Inches be a Committee to draw up an address to the Governor respecting the misrepresentations that has been made them respecting this Town & Province

Voted, that The Town Clerk have a draft for the £34 — allowed by the Town at the last March Meeting —

Voted, that Gideon Gardner have a draft for £20 — on the Town Treasurer granted him Jany. 18 — for a Wooden Building added to the Bull Pasture House (drawn for)

The Committee appointed to survey Mr. Pages Chimnies Reported, that the[y] found them in such a situation as renders them dangerous to the Occupier and Traveller & unsafe for the Neighbours —

The Copy of said Warrent for the Survey is as follows

Boston Jany. 11. 1769

Mr. Elijah Hews & Mr. John Brown

Complaint being made to us that the Chimnies of a House in Ship Street occupied by Persons unknown & owned by William Page are insufficient and dangerous We desire & impower you to survey the same, and Report to us your Judgment concerning them —

Joshua Henshaw
Joseph Jackson
John Ruddock
John Hancock
John Rowe
Sam: Pemberton
} Selectmen of Boston

[174.] In consequence of the Return made on the foregoing Warrant, it was Voted, that the following Letter or Order be sent Mr. Page

Boston Feby. 4. 1769

Mr. William Page

Upon Complaint being made by a number of the Inhabitants of the Town of defects in the Chimnies of the House owned by yourself We issued our Warrant for a Survey, a Copy of the Return of said Warrant you have above — Agreeable to the direction of the Law in that Case made and provided we hereby Warn you not to make any Fire or suffer any to be made in said Chimnies, till the defects are cured either by amending repairing or Rebuilding said Chimnies, as you would avoid the penalty of said Law —

By Order of the Selectmen
WILLIAM COOPER Town Clerk

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Feby. 8. 1769
Present Henshaw, Jackson, Ruddock, Hancock, Rowe, Pemberton, Inches

Capt. Curtis of Engine N. 8 — presented John Fenno as an Engine Man for his Company in the room of Thomas Hinckley removed — who was accepted accordingly

Mr. Paul Farmer was directed the 31t. of January last to receive into the Alms house on the Province Accot. one Mary Murry & her Child, being Strangers & unable to help themselves

Mr. Paul Farmer was directed the 12. of December 1768 to receive into the Alms house on the Province Accot. one John Dwyer a Distracted Person, not an Inhabitant of any Town in this Province & being unable to help himself

Both sign'd by Hancock & Pemberton

[175.] Mr. Hancock & Mr. Pemberton a Committee to go to the Alms house to enquire relative to Dr. Whitworth & Dr. Gardners Accounts —

Mr. Hancock, Collo. Jackson & Mr. Rowe a Committee to regulate some abuses in the Market —

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Feby. 10. 1769
Present — Henshaw, Jackson, Ruddock, Hancock, Rowe, Inches

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Feby. 13. 1769
Present Henshaw, Jackson, Ruddock, Hancock, Rowe, Pemberton, —

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Feby. 15. 1769
Present Henshaw, Jackson, Ruddock, Hancock, Rowe, Pemberton, Inches

memo. Reced of Mr. John Winslow Twelve pounds in part of Interest due in Mrs. Brokers Affairs pd. the same to Jos. Henshaw Esqr. — & gave Mr. Jno Winslow a Rect. for the same

The Selectmen received twenty Pounds Interest Money before the above

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Feby. 16. 1769, A.M. Present Henshaw, Ruddock, Hancock, Rowe, Pemberton Inches

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Feby. 16. 1769. P.M. Present Henshaw, Jackson, Ruddock, Hancock, Rowe Pemberton, Inches.

Voted unanimously. that the following Address be presented his Excellency Francis Bernard Esqr.

May it please your Excellency

At a Time when artful & mischievous Men have so far prevail'd as to foment & spread divisions in the British [**176.**] Empire: When mutual confidence which had so long subsisted with mutual advantage between the Subjects in Britain & America is in a great measure broken: When Means are at length found even to excite the resentment of the Mother State against the Colonies: & they are publicly chargd with being in a state of disobedience to Law, and ready to resist the constitutional authority of the Nation; The Selectmen of this Metropolis cannot be the unconcerned or silent spectators of the Calamaties, which in consequence thereof have already fallen upon its inhabitants. — To behold this Town surrounded with Ships of War; and military Troops even in a time of peace; quarterd in its very Bowels: Exercising a Discipline with all the severity which is used in a Garrison, and in a state of actual War, is truly alarming to a free People. And what still hightens the misfortune is, that our gracious Sovereign & his Ministers have formed such an Idea of the present state of the Town, as to induce a necessity of this naval and military force, for the aid of the civil Magistrate in the preservation of its peace & good order —

Your Excellency can witness for the Town that no such aid is necessary: Loyalty to the Sovereign; and an inflexible Zeal for the support of his Majestys Authority and the happy Constitution is its Just character: And we may appeal to the impartial World, that Peace and order were better maintained in the Town, before it was ever rumoured that his Majestys Troops were to be quarterd among us, then they have been since. Such a Measure then we are persuaded would never have been ordered by the Wisdom of the British Administration, had not the necessity of it been drawn from the Representations of some of his Majestys Servants in this Province — Your Excellency will allow us to express our Opinion; and the behavior of some of its Individual Inhabitants have been greatly misapprehended by his Majestys Ministers. We therefore in duty to the Town we have the honor to serve, respectfully wait on your Excell^{y}. and pray that you would be pleased to communicate to us such Representations of *facts only*, as you Judged proper to make since the commencement of the last Year. And as there is a prevailing Report that Depositions are & have been taken *ex parte* to the prejudice of the Town & particular persons, may we not assure ourselves, that your Excell^{y}. will in Justice cause to be laid before us such other Representations as may have come to your knowledge, that the Town knowing clearly & pre-

cisely what has been charged against it, may have an opportunity of vindicating it self. —

[177.] Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Feby. 17. 1769 Present Henshaw, Jackson, Ruddock, Hancock, Rowe

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Feb 20. 1769 Present Henshaw, Jackson, Ruddock, Hancock, Rowe, Pemberton,

The Chairman Coll^{o}. Henshaw, laid before the Selectmen the following Reply made by the Governor to the Address of the Selectmen, which he received from him on Saturday Evening —

Gentlemen

The Propriety of your Addressing me upon publick Business I shall not now dispute; but in my Answer I shall confine myself to such Parts of your Address as relate to you as the Selectmen or to the Town as a Body —

I have no Reason to think that the public Transactions of this Town have been misapprehended by his Majesty or his Ministers, or that their Opinions thereon are founded upon any other Accounts, than those published by the Town itself —

If therefore you can vindicate your selves from such Charges as may arise from your own Publications, you will in my Opinion have nothing further to apprehend —

FRA. BERNARD

Province House
Feby. 18. 1769

Coll^{o}. Henshaw, Capt. Ruddock, & M^{r}. Hancock, be a Comm^{e}. to consider what is proper to be done for the Vindication of the Town from the Aspersions cast upon it —

[End of Book 13.]

BOOK FOURTEEN.

[1.] Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen, Feby. 22^{d}. 1769. Present, Henshaw, Jackson, Ruddock, Hancock, Rowe, Pemberton, Inches.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen, Feby. 22, 1769. Present, Henshaw, Jackson, Ruddock, Hancock, Pemberton, Inches.

Voted, unanimously that the following Address be presented his Excellency Governor Bernard.

May it please your Excellency

The Selectmen of the Town of Boston, beg leave once more, to wait on your Excellency, hoping you will excuse this further trouble, as it is upon a matter of the greatest importance to the Town.

In your Answer to our late humble Request your Excellency was pleased to say, that you have no Reason to think that the publick Transactions of this Town have been misapprehended by his Majesty or his Ministers; or that their Opinions thereon are founded upon any other Accounts than those published by the Town itself. "And that if we can vindicate ourselves from such Charges as may arise from our own Publications, we shall in your Opinion have nothing further to apprehend."

As the Town has published nothing but its own transactions in Town Meeting legally assembled, it gives us the greatest Pleasure to find your Excellency in your reply to us, thus vindicating it from any Just cause of apprehension from the General Character of its Inhabitants, considered as Individuals; If therefore the Town has suffered on Account of the Disorders which happened on the 18' March or the 10' of June last, by Persons unknown, (the only Disorders that have taken place in this Town within the Year past) we take your Excellencys Declaration to us, to be a full Testimony, that in your Opinion, it must be in consequence of some partial or false Representations of those Disorders to his Majestys Ministers. And we rejoice to find your Excellencys Sentiments as expressed in your Reply, so far harmonizing with those of his [2.] Majestys Council not long published. We have in this Case the most authentick Evidence that can possibly be had, the Joint Testimony of the Governor and Council of the Province, that the Town has not been *in a State of Opposition to Order and Government*, and such *as required a Military Force to support civil Authority*.

With Regard to the public Transactions of the Town, when legally assembled, from which alone in your Excellencys declared

Opinion, the Town could have any thing to apprehend; we beg leave to say, that after the most careful retrospect, and the best inquiry we could make into the nature and Import of those Transactions, we are utterly at a loss in what view they can appear to have militated with any Law, or the British Constitution of Government. And we entreat your Excellency would condescend, to point out to us, in what particular respect they either have been, or may be view'd in such a Light, that either the Town may be made sensible of the illegality of its proceedings, or, that upon the most critical Examination its Innocence may appear in a still clearer Light.

Your Excellencys high Station in the Province; and the regard you have professed for the Interest of the Town, we humbly apprehend, must give *Propriety* to this as well as our former Address.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen, Feby. 24, 1769. A.M. Present, Henshaw, Jackson, Hancock, Pemberton, Inches.

The Selectmen received from the Governor by the Chairman Coll^{o}. Henshaw, the following reply to the foregoing address.

Gentlemen

As In my answer to your former Address, I confined myself to you as Selectmen and the Town as a Body, I did not mean to refer to the disorder on the 18^{t}. of March or of the 10^{t}. of June, but to the transactions in the Town Meetings & the proceedings of the Selectmen in consequence thereof

FRA. BERNARD.

Feby. 24. 1769.

[3.] Voted, that the foregoing Address and the Reply be published in the News Papers.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen, Feby. 25, 1769. Present, Henshaw, Jackson, Ruddock, Hancock, Pemberton, Inches.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen, Feby. 27, 1769. Present, Henshaw, Jackson, Ruddock, Hancock, Pemberton, Inches.

Ordered, that the Assize of Bread be set at Wheat 6/ p. Bushel and that 6^{d}. p. Bushel be allowed to the Bakers for their Charges Pains and Livelihood, which is computed as follows Viz^{t}

	lb	oz	dr
A 4^{d}. Loaf Brown Bread $\frac{3}{4}$ Wheat $\frac{1}{4}$ Rye meal, must weigh	2–	8	
A 4^{d}. Ditto not above $\frac{1}{2}$ Indian meal d^{o}.	3–	7–	
Bisket of a Copper price		4–	12

A Walk & Visitation of the Town was Agreed upon at the last meeting, to be on this Day at 9. O Clock in the Morning, if not fair Weather then on the Tuesday following being the 28^{t} Day of February Inst. to meet at the Selectmens Chamber on the Evening of said Day 5. O'Clock. (the particulars on file)

Passed upon Samuel Hartleys Province Account amounting to £. 15–5–4, as p. Copy of his Account on file.

Mr. Hancock & Collo. Jackson a Committee to make enquiry into the Abilitys of Mr. Procters Lad, for discharging the duty of an Usher.

The aforegoing Vote is reconsidered and Mr. Tileston is to be notifyed by Mr. Williston to attend the Selectmen at their Chamber next Wednesday.

Capt. Sutton of Engine No. 7, apply'd to the Selectmen for the premium of 13/ 4, allowed by the Town for bringing their Engine to play first upon the Fire which broke out at Mr. Billings House in School Street.

Voted, that he have a draft for the same next draft Day.

[4.] Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen, March 1, 1769. Present, Henshaw, Jackson, Ruddock, Hancock, Inches, Pemberton.

Collo. Henshaw Mr. Hancock & Pemberton a Committee to visit the South Writing School.

Capt: Ruddock a Committee to procure Law Books.

[see April 19. a Person sent to Almshouse].

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen, March 6. 1769. Present, Henshaw, Jackson, Ruddock, Hancock, Inches, Pemberton.

Passed upon mr. Paul Farmers Province Accounts amounting to £. 343–6–10– & £ 25–12–2d¼ as p. Copy of Account on file.

Warrant to be issued for a Town Meeting, Monday 13' Inst.

Voted, that Edes & Gill have the Printing of the Notifications

Collo. Henshaw & Mr. Inches a Committee to wait on Mr. Bourn to desire him to open the ensuing Town Meeting with Prayer.

Mr. Samuel Adams a late Collector of Taxes having produced The Province, Town, & County Treasurers Receipts in full for the sums committed the years 1762 & 1763 & for the Street Tax for 1761 — whereupon —

Voted, that he have a draft on the Town Treasurer for the Premium due to him for Collecting the same

Premium of	1761	Street Tax - - - - - - - - - - - -	£ 33–13–3
	1762	Whole Tax - - - - - - - - - - - -	146– 2–9
	1763	- - - - - - - - - - - -	92–14
			272–12–

Mr. Hancock a Committee to examine the Granry Accounts.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen March 11. 1769. Present, Henshaw, Jackson, Ruddock, Hancock, Inches.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen March 13, 1769. Present, Henshaw, Jackson, Ruddock, Hancock, Pemberton, Inches.

[5.] Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen, March 15, 1769. Present, Henshaw, Jackson, Ruddock, Hancock, Pemberton, Inches, Mason.

Daniel Whitney of Dorchester, has agreed for the Land on the West side of the Neck with the Small House and Barn, all which is exclusive of the large House & Garden, and the Shops & Land let to Mr. Enoch Brown, for which he is to pay at the rate of £. 30 p. Annum Rent, the Rent to commence the 25 Inst. Mr. Brown to lease the House &c. for 6–13–4. [see June 7. 1769.]

Memo. John Spurr of Dorchester last from Malden his Wife & 6 Children came to Deer Island in May last, there names to be returned to Mr. Love.

[Granger sent to Almshouse, see June 21.]

Capt Ruddock, Mr. Pemberton & Collo. Jackson a Committee to examine into the Title of the Common.

Passed upon Dr. Miles Whitworths Province Account amounting to £. 16– 11/ — as p. Accot on file.

Collo. Jackson a Committee to consult a Lawyer relative to Mrs. Whitneys negro, & Report to the Selectmen.

[Assizes given to New(?) Clerk the same as last.]

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen March 22d. 1769. Present, Henshaw. Jackson, Hancock, Pemberton, Inches, Mason.

Let Mr. John Grant have £. 66– 13– 4 lawful money being part of Mrs. Brookers Bequest to poor Widows, for which he has given Bond with a Suretie.

Collo. Henshaw appointed to let the Shop on Bull Pasture.

Majr. Cunningham apply'd to the Selectmen for the favor of Faneuil Hall to exercise the Artillery men — for some Time before their appearance, which was granted him accordingly.

Passed upon Dr. Joseph Gardners Province Accot. amounting to £.124– 7– 4d. as p. Copy on file.

Let Mr. John Fullerton have £.40– Lawful Money part of Mrs. Brookers Legacy to poor Widows, for which he has given Bond with sureties.

[6.] Boston Ss: At a meeting of the Selectmen, March 27, 1769. Present, Henshaw, Jackson, Hancock, Pemberton, Inches, Mason.

Voted, that Mr. Robert Love have £.20 Lawful money for warning Strangers to depart the Town the last Six months, ending the last of February.

The Selectmen having considered the several Petitions for a Schoolmaster, to supply the place of Mr. Abiah Holbrook Master of the Writing School in the Common deceased which matter was referred over to them by the Town — they came to a written Vote when it appeared that Mr. Samuel Holbrook had the majority of the Votes for being Schoolmaster.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen, March 29, 1769. Present, Henshaw, Jackson, Hancock, Pemberton, Inches, Mason.

Coll°. Jackson having engaged to pay the differencies of the Rent of the Shop, which was improved by his Son, and desiring to Hire the Same in the room of his said Son for One year.

Voted that he have the same for One year at the Rate of Thirteen Pounds six Shillings & 8d. p. Annum.

Mr. Hancock & Inches appointed a Committee for Repairing King Street.

Voted, that Thomas Rix be & hereby is appointed one of the Town House Watch.

Coll°. Jackson & Mr. Hancock appointed a Committee to enquire into Mr. Emmons's Affair.

Capt. Sharp of Engine No. — apply'd for the Premium allowed by the Town for bringing his Engine to work first at the Fire which broke out at Hutchinsons Wharff.

Voted, that he have a draft for 13/4 next Draft Day.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen April 5, 1769. Present, Henshaw, Jackson, Pemberton, Mason.

[7.] Mr. Thomas Webb apply'd for leave to Open a Drain from his Cellar.

Voted, that Coll°. Henshaw be desired to treat with Doctor Davis for such Stones and Gravel as may be wanted for Repairing the Neck.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen April 12, 1769. Present, Henshaw, Jackson, Hancock, Pemberton, Inches, Mason.

Ordered, that the Assize of Bread be set at Wheat 5/ p. Bushel and that 6d. p. Bushel is allowed to the Bakers for their Charges Pains & Livelihood, which is computed as follows, Vizt.

	lb.	oz.	dr.
A 4d. Loaf of Brown Bread ¾ Wheat ¼ Rye meal must weigh	2 –	12 –	4
a 4d. Ditto not above ¼ Indian meal, d°.—	3 –	12 –	
Bisket of a Copper price - - - -		5 –	10

Voted, that Mr. Onesips. Tileston, have Sixty Pounds, Lawful Money, out of Mrs. Brookers Donation, for which the Town Clerk is to take his Bond, with his Son Thomas as security.

Passed upon Mr. William Grays Province Account amounting to £15 – 6– 4 – as p. Copy on file.

Coll. Jackson appointed to settle with Mr. John Winslow relative to Mrs. Brookers Donation.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen, April 15, 1769. Present Jackson, Hancock, Pemberton, Inches, Mason.

Voted, that the Assize be altered from the rate of April 12.

Ordered that the Assize of Bread be set at Wheat at 5/6 p. Bushel & that 6d. p. Bushel is allowed to the Bakers for their Charges Pains and Livelihood, which is computed as follows, Vizt

	lb.	oz.	dr.
A 4d. Loaf of Brown Bread ¾ Wheat ¼ Rye meal must weigh	2 –	11	
a 4d. not above ½ Indian Meal d°.	3 –	12	
a Bisket of a Copper price - - - - - -		5 –	1

[8.] Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen April 18, 1769. Present, Hancock, Jackson, Inches, Mason.

Capt. Alexander Coffin of the Briggandine Industry arrived from London Reports that he left London the 14 of March and upon the 3d. Day of April one of his Men named Caleb Stralen(?) broke out with the Small Pox and deceased the 11t. whom the[y] threw over board with his Bed and Bedding, & that there remain one of his men liable to have the Distemper, therefore —

Voted, that the said Briggne be ordered to Rainsfords Island under the care of Samuel Hartley, there to remain untill our further Order, and that the following Letter be sent him by Capt: Coffin.

Mr. Samuel Hartley

This will be handed you by Capt. Coffin of the Briggne Industry from London, who has had the Small Pox on board, you are therefore directed to inspect said Vessel; take the Things from between Decks on Shore, and let them be thoroughly air'd, and cleanse the Vessel as effectually as possible, and when she is sufficiently cleansed make Report to us, the Vessel not be suffered to come up to Town untill you have our orders, there is one Person on board liable to the Distemper him you are to take on Shore and keep him there till you hear from us.

JOSEPH JACKSON
JOHN HANCOCK
H. INCHES
JONATHAN MASON
Selectmen of Boston

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen, April 19, 1769. Present, Henshaw, Jackson, Ruddock, Hancock, Pemberton, Inches, Mason.

Mr. Hancock apply'd to the Select men in behalf of the Merchants, for the use of Faneuil Hall on Fryday next.

[9.] The following Petition has been received by the Select men for laying a Common Shore.

To the Gentlemen Selectmen of the Town of Boston.
Gentlemen

We the Petitioners labor under great difficulties by reason of the Spring Tides and back Water running into our Cellars, beg leave to open a common Shore leading from Holyoke Street, and to be continued through Elliot Street or Lane across the Main Street, called Orange Street, into the Sea. In granting our request you will greatly oblige

Your Petitioners

WILLIAM CUNNINGHAM
SAMUEL SEARL
ABIJAH CRANE
BENJAMIN VEAZIE
JOHN CRANE
MARY GEAR
GEORGE LUSH
JEREMIAH STIMSON
JOHN BRYANT
WILLIAM LOWDER
SAMUEL HEALEY
JOSEPH LOVERING
ROBERT FAIRSERVICE
WILLIAM ETHERIDGE

The above Petition having been considered, Voted, that the same be accepted, and the Petitionors are hereby permitted to lay a Common Shore, as pray'd for, they observing the legal and customary steps respecting breaking Ground &c.

Mr. Ruddock is desired to order necessary Repairs to the North Lattin School.

Jane Willson & Child, & Nicholas Press & Wife, now in the Almshouse are desirous of having passage procured for them to Philadelphia.

Mr. Farmer was directed the 1t. of March last to receive into the Almshouse on the Province Account one Mary Davison a Stranger & not an Inhabitant of any Town in this Province nor having wherewithall to support herself — the Selectmen Mr. Hancock & Inches, who sign'd the order and Mr. Whitwell, Overseer.

[10.] Coll. Jackson & Collo. Henshaw a Committee to take a view of the North Battery, in order to give directions respecting the Erection of a Building.

Voted, that Four Dollars be paid to each of the widows hereafter mentioned, wch. money arises from Interest of Monies left by the late Mrs. Brookers for that purpose. Vizt. To

Mrs. Morse	Mrs. Adams
Mrs. Bodman	Mrs. Sampson
Mrs. Colman	Mrs. Larkin
Mrs. Bradley	Mrs. Missick
Mrs. White	Mrs. Barnes
Mrs. Winkell	Mrs. Lee
Mrs. Turner	Mrs. Botherill
Mrs. Peak	Mrs. Oliver
Mrs. Philipa Leblond	Prudence Delaplace

Coll. Jackson & Coll. Henshaw appointed a Committee to order Repairs to the North Writing School.

The Select men having received a Warrant from the Honble. Thomas Hutchinson Esq. Judge of Probate for the County of Suffolk to examine into the Circumstances & state of mind of Abigail Peirce; they made the following Return upon the Warrant.

Boston, April 19, 1769.

Pursuant to the within the Warrant we have conversed with Abigail Peirce, and also examined into her circumstances and are of Opinion that from loss of Memory she is rendered incapable of taking care of her own affairs.

Joshua Henshaw
Joseph Jackson
Samuel Pemberton
Henderson Inches
Jonathan Mason
Selectmen of Boston

Boston Ss: At a meeting of the Selectmen April 21, 1769. Present, Henshaw, Hancock, Mason, Pemberton.

[**11.**] Mr. Hartley Keeper of the Hospital on Rainsford Island, Reports, that he had thoroughly cleansed & smoked the Briggandine Industry, and taken the Things between Decks on shore, and that in his Opinion, she may be permitted to come up to Town without endangering the health of the Inhabitants.

Voted that the following Letter be sent Mr. Hartley, together with a certificate for the Governor.

Boston April 21, 1769.

Mr. Samuel Hartley

You having Reported to us that the Briggandine Industry, Capt. Coffin from London with the Small Pox, has been sufficiently smoked and cleansed. Our Orders are that you permit her to come up to Town, upon the peoples having a fresh shift of Clothes, and your retaining every Article liable to convey Infection, for a further airing.

By Order of the Select men
WILLIAM COOPER Town Clerk.

May it please your Excellency

The Briggandine Industry Capt. Alexander Coffin from London which was stopt at Rainsfords Island on Account of the Small Pox having been sufficiently smoked and cleansed we are of Opinion said Vessel may be permitted to come up to Town without endangering the health of the Inhabitants, if your Excellency thinks proper.

We are your Excellencys
most Obedient Humble Servants
JOSHUA HENSHAW
JOHN HANCOCK
JONATHAN MASON
SAMUEL PEMBERTON
Selectmen of Boston.

Boston April 21, 1769.
His Excellency Francis Bernard Esq.

[**12.**] Boston Ss: At a meeting of the Selectmen, April 24, 1769. Present, Jackson, Hancock, Pemberton, Inches, Mason.

Passed upon sundry Accounts.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen, April 26, 1769. Present, Henshaw, Jackson, Hancock, Pemberton, Inches, Mason.

Ordered, that the Assize of Bread be set at Wheat at —/ p. bushel and that 6d. p. Bushel is allowed to the Bakers for their Charges Pains & Livelihood, which is computed as follows — Vizt.

	lb.	oz.	dr.	
A 4d. Loaf of Brown Bread ¾ Wheat ¼ Rye meal must weigh	———	———	———	(not fixed)
A 4d. Ditto not above ½ Indian meal —— do.	———	———	———	
Bisket of a Copper price	———	———	———	

Coll°. Henshaw & Mr. Inches a Committee to view the Green Engine, and Report their Opinion concerning her.

Joseph Kettle having Petitioned for leave to Erect a Bake house. Mr. Mason & Inches a Commte. to view the Ground & Report.

The above Committee having view'd the Premises, Report that it is in their Opinion a proper place for erecting a Bake House

The following is a Copy of a petition of Joseph Kettle and the Return made thereon.

To the Honble. His Majestys Justices of the Peace, and the Gentlemen, Selectmen of the Town of Boston.

The Petition of Joseph Kettle of Boston, Baker, Humbly Shews

That he has agreed for the purchase of a House in Back Street near unto the Mill Pond, which he proposes to improve as a Bake-house, and although the Neighbors are consenting that your Petitioner should improve the said House as a Bake house he cannot do it by Law without the approbation and consent [13.] Of your Honors and you Gentlemen — He therefore, Prays that you would be pleased to grant him License to improve said House as a Bake house —

And as in duty bound &c.

JOSEPH KETTLE.

We the Subscribers do hereby signify our approbation of the within Petition, and consent to the granting the same —

Boston, April 25,1769.

WILLIAM STODDARD
FOSTER HUTCHINSON
JOHN RUDDOCK
JOHN HILL
EDMUND QUINCY
BELCHER NOYES
JOHN TUDOR
SAMUEL PEMBERTON
JOHN AVERY

Justices of the Peace of the Town of Boston

We the Subscribers do hereby signify our approbation of the within Petition and consent to the granting the same.

JOSHUA HENSHAW
JOSEPH JACKSON
JOHN HANCOCK
SAMUEL PEMBERTON
HENDERSON INCHES
JONATHAN MASON

Select men of Boston

Boston April 26′ 1769

Coll°. Jackson, John Ruddock Esq. Mr. Pemberton & mr. Inches a Committee to consult a Lawyer and attend the Sessions in the Affair of William Dix.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen, May 1, 1769. Present, Henshaw, Jackson, Hancock, Pemberton, Inches, Mason.

The Town having received a Precept for the calling [**14.**] A Town Meeting for the choice of Representatives.

Voted, that the ensuing Town Meeting be on Fryday 9 O'Clock A.M. and that the Town Clerk issue a Warrant accordingly.

Coll°. Jackson & M^r^. Hancock, a Committee to wait upon the Rev^d^. M^r^. Lothrop to open the Town Meeting with Prayer.

Voted, that Messrs. Thomas & John Fleet have the printing of the Notification.

At the last Meeting, Coll. Jackson, John Ruddock Esq. M^r^. Pemberton and M^r^. Inches were appointed a Committee to consult a Lawyer & attend the Sessions in the affair of William Dix.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen, May 3^d^, 1769. Present, Henshaw, Jackson, Ruddock, Hancock, Pemberton, Inches, Mason.

John Lewis informs the Select men that Thomas Stafford (*sic*) of Stow, Sarah Safford his Wife, Thomas Safford & Sarah Safford their Children are come to live in a House belonging to the Town of Boston

Martha Branch & Elizabeth Hill appeared, and pray'd leave to go from the Almshouse, which was granted them.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen May 5, 1769. Present, Henshaw, Jackson, Ruddock, Hancock, Pemberton, Inches, Mason.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen, May 10, 1769. Present, Henshaw, Ruddock, Inches, Mason.

Liberty is granted D^r^. Noyes to open his Drain next the Market, he making good the Ground & Pavement, to the satisfaction of the Select men.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen, May 15, 1769. Present, Henshaw, Jackson, Pemberton, Inches, Mason.

Ordered, that the assize of Bread be set at Wheat at 5/1 p. bushel and that 6^d^. p. Bushel be allowed to the Bakers for their Charges [**15.**] Pains and Livelihood which is computed as follows, Viz^t^.

	lb - oz - dr
A 4^d^ Loaf Brown Bread $\frac{3}{4}$ Wheat $\frac{1}{4}$ Rye meal must weigh	2 – 11
a 4^d^ Ditto, not above $\frac{1}{2}$ Indian Meal d°	3 – 12
Bisket of a Copper price - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - -	5 – 8

Lydia Bishop White (*sic*) a Young Woman of 16 Years of Age brought from Hallifax in the Romney and turned on Shore before the Ship sayled — applys for assistance to return to her Parents in that place.

Coll. Henshaw a Committee to wait upon Commodore Hood relative to the above & other Women.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen, May 17, 1769. Present, Henshaw, Jackson, Hancock, Pemberton, Mason.

Capt. Franklyne of Engine N°. 9. apply'd to the Select men for the Premium allowed by the Town for bringing their Engine to play first at the Fire which broke out at the Hospital House at the bottom of the Common —

Voted, that he have a Draft for 13/4 next Draft Day.

Benjamin Peirce apply'd to the Select men for liberty to break Ground near his House in Long Lane in order to clear the Drain which enters into the Common Shore.

Voted, that Liberty be accordingly granted, provided the Ground & Pavement is made good & restored to the satisfaction of the Selectmen.

Mr. Pemberton & Mr. Mason appointed a Committee to examine Dr. Gardners Province Accounts.

Notification &c. to be issued for Town Meeting May 22 p. order of the Town.

[Margaret Galloway sent to Almhouse see June 21.]

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen May 19, 1769. Present, Henshaw, Jackson, Hancock, Ruddock, Pemberton, Inches, Mason.

[**16.**] Boston Ss: At a meeting of the Selectmen May 22d. 1769.

Present, Henshaw. Hancock, Pemberton, Mason.

Passed upon Richard Hirons (*or Hixon's*) Province Account amounting to £. 4 – 14/ Lawful Money as by Copy of Accot. on file.

Passed upon John Rowes Province Account amounting as by Copy on file to £. 10 – 5 – 6 – reconsidered —

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen, May 24, 1769. Present, Ruddock.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen, May 29, 1769. Present, Henshaw, Jackson, Hancock, Pemberton, Mason.

Ordered, that the Assize of Bread be set at Wheat at 5/ p. Bush. and that 6. p. Bushel be allowed to the Bakers for their Charges Pains & Livelihood, which is computed as follows — Vizt.

	lb – oz – dr
A 4d Loaf of Brown Bread ¾ Wheat ¼ Rye meal must weigh	2 – 11 –
a 4d Ditto not above ½ Indian, must weigh	3 – 12 –
Bisket of a Copper price - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - -	5 – 8

Passed upon Dr. Joseph Gardners Province Account amounting to £. 174 – 13 – 4 –

Mr. Mason & Pemberton a Committee to send a number of poor Persons to the Provinces they belong to —

Majr. Cunningham apply'd to the Selectmen for the use of the Hall on Artillery Election Day which was granted accordingly.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen June 7, 1769. Present, Henshaw, Jackson, Ruddock, Inches, Mason.

Voted, that a Draft be made in the Draft for May of £ 2–0–1¾– in favor of Isaac Cummins Constable of Ware, for carrying Polly Barber from Ware to Deerfield.

[17.] Mr. Enoch Brown & Mr. Daniel Whitney now agree to take the Houses & Land on the West side of the Neck at the rate of £36 — p. annum — Rent to commence the 26 March last, & the Town Clerk is directed to draw out Lease & Bond.

Voted, that the Town Clerk have a draft as the —— ——

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen June 10, 1769. Present, Henshaw, Jackson, Hancock, Pemberton.

Upon Information given that the Small Pox had broke out in the Regimental Hospital at the bottom of the Common, the Selectmen proceeded to said Hospital, but upon enquiry could get no satisfaction as to the truth of the Information; upon which the Selectmen waited upon General Mackey, to acquaint him, with a Law of the Province relative to concealing Infectious Distempers; when he assured the Selectmen that he would make enquiry and acquaint them immediately with the result.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen June 12, 1769. Present, Henshaw, Jackson, Hancock, Pemberton.

In the Morning of Yesterday General Mackay, sent an Officer to the Selectmen to acquaint them that upon enquiry he had learnt that one of his men, a Private, had the Small Pox broke out upon him at the Regimental Hospital; upon which the Selectmen waited upon the General again, to let him know, that agreeable to Law, the Infected Person must be removed to the Province Hospital at the West End of the Town, to which he readily consented, and he was accordingly removed, about three O'Clock, P.M.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen, June 13′ 1769. Present, Henshaw, Jackson, Ruddock, Pemberton, Inches.

Voted, that the assessors be desired to take an Acct. of the Houses &c. improved by the Kings Troops.

[18.] Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen, June 21, 1769. Present, Jackson, Ruddock, Pemberton, Inches, Mason.

Mr. Paul Farmer was directed on the 18 of May last to receive into the Almshouse to be supported at the Province Charge one Margaret Galloway, a Stranger & not an Inhabitant of any Town in this Province, nor having wherewithall to support herself. the Order was signed by two of the Selectmen vizt. John Ruddock & Samuel Pemberton Esq. — & William Greenleaff an Overseer.

Mr. Paul Farmer was directed the 17 of March last to receive into the Almshouse one ———— Grainger Son of Margaret Grainger order signed by John Ruddock & Samuel Pemberton Esq. Selectmen & William Greenleaff, Overseer, to be supported on the Province Charge, he being a Stranger and not an Inhabitant of any Town in this Province, nor having wherewithall to support himself.

Mr. Paul Farmer was directed by two of the Selectmen — vizt. John Ruddock Esq. & Mr. Jonathan Mason & William Greenleaf Overseer, to receive into the Almshouse on the Province Charge one James Bayley a Stranger and not an Inhabitant of any Town in this Province, nor having wherewithall to support himself.

Mr. Thomas Cunningham living near Dr. Mountforts gives information to the Selectmen, that one Joseph Hading who came to his House on Satturday last, from a Vessel which then arrived here from Philadelphia is suspected of having the Small Pox broke out upon him.

Dr. Warren was in consequence of the above information sent to the said Cunninghams house to examine into the same, who having done it, makes Report that the Person has got the Small Pox.

Whereupon the Sedan was sent to carry him to the Hospital at New Boston.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen, June 26, 1769. Present Henshaw, Ruddock, Pemberton, Inches, Mason.

[**19.**] Ordered, that the Assize of Bread be set at Wheat at 4/11d. p. Bushel and that 6d. p. Bushel be allowed to the Bakers for their Charges, Pains and Livelihood, which is computed as follows, Vizt.

	lb.	oz.	dr.
A 4d. Loaf of Brown Bread ¾ Wheat ¼ Rye meal must weigh			
a 4d. Ditto not above ½ Indian must weigh			
Bisket of a Copper price			

Passed upon John Rowe Esq. his Province Account amounting to £. 10 – 5 – 6 – as p. Copy of the same on file — see May 22d.

[memo. returned again from Council.]

Voted, that the Select men will employ but one Printer for the year ensuing.

Voted, that Lambert & Kilby have a draft on the Town Treasurer for Forty Pounds on account of work done at the Battery. [drawn] —

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen, June 27. 1769. Present, Henshaw, Jackson, Ruddock, Pemberton, Mason.

A Number of Gentlemen signers to a late Petition for a Town Meeting attended to know the reason why one had not been called.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen, June 28, 1769. Present, Henshaw, Jackson, Ruddock, Pemberton, Inches, Mason.

Yesterday information was given by Dr. Warren that one Foster living in Summer Street had the Small Pox broke upon her, and agreeable to our immediate Orders she was in the Afternoon of said Day removed to the Hospital at New Boston together with three Children who lived with her.

Mr. Edward Hollyday one of the Collectors of Taxes for 1767. having produced to the Selectmen the Town County & Province Treasurers Receits in full for the Sums committed to him to Collect for that year; Voted that he have a Draft for his Premium agreeable to ye Vote of the Town, & that his Bonds be delivered him up

[20.] Collo. Jackson & Mr. Pemberton a Committee of Repairs, for the School in Queen Street.

[memo. Mr. Joseph Ward had the Charge of the South Working School given him the 28. of January last, and he left it the 10th of April.]

The Selectmen having considered the Petition of a number of Inhabitants for calling a Town Meeting, relative to a supposed application to the Governor for the continuance of a Regiment in this Town.

Voted, that a Warrant be issued for a Town Meeting on Tuesday the 4'. of July, 4 O'Clock P M.

Mr. Joseph Putnam applys for the Premium allowed by the Town for bringing their Engine first at the 2 Fires, which broke out at the Fires at mr. Mavericks & another House on Wentworths Wharff occupied by one Simpson.

Voted, that Messrs. Fleets have the printing of the Notifications for the Town Meeting.

Voted, that there be a visitation of the Free Schools in this Town on Wednesday the Fifth Day of July next and that the following Gentlemen be invited to accompany the Selectmen therein, and that they be notified to attend at the Selectmens Chamber at 8 O'Clock on the morning of said Day, in order to proceed on the Visitation.

The Honble. James Bowdoin
Thomas Hubbard
William Brattle
Harrison Gray
John Erving
Thomas Flucker
James Pitts
James Otis Esqrs.
The Representatives of the Town
The Overseers of the Poor,
The Revd. Dr. Charles Chancey
The Revd. Mr. Samuel Checkley
Mr. Samuel Mather
Dr. Mather Byles
Dr. Andrew Eliot
Dr. Samuel Cooper
Mr. —— Treat
Mr. Pennel Bowen
Mr. Simion Howard
Mr. —— Lothrop
Mr. John Walley
Mr. Treasurer Jeffries
William Sheaffe Esq.

[21.] Mr. Francis Johonnot
Mr. Caleb Blanchard
Mr. Nathaniel Appleton
Mr. Robert Williams
Capt. Solomon Davis
Mr. James Ivers
Capt. Job Prince
Mr. Samuel Procter
Mr. Samuel Swift
Mr. John Adams
John Rowe Esq
Richard Dana Esq.
Coll. Marshall
Majr. Cunningham
Capt. Waters
Edward Carns
Byfield Loyd Esq.
Mr. Mullineux

Isaac Smith Esq.
Wm. Vassal
Ezekiel Goldthwait Esq.
General Mackay
John Tingate Esq.
Governor Wentworth
Commodore Hood
Robert Jenkins Shopkeeper
Nicholas Boylston Esq.
Deacon Storer
Meletiah Bourn

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen, July 4, 1769. Present, Henshaw, Jackson, Ruddock, Pemberton, Inches, Mason.

Mr. William Dickman living at New Boston, informed the Selectmen that Elizabeth Lollier(?) has the Small Pox upon her at his House. knows not where she took it.

Voted, that she be removed to the Hospital at New Boston.

Mr. Dickman appeared, and ask'd liberty to send a Nurse to the Hospital free of Charge to the Town.

[Mem. Petition to General Court, to impower Mr. Peirpoint to Collect mr. Adams's Taxes.

Petition to do. relative to Repairs of Hospital at N. Boston.]

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen, July 7, 1769. Present, Henshaw, Jackson, Pemberton, Inches, Mason.

Information was given the Selectmen, that Mr. Joseph Tylers Wife, living at the Orange Tree, had the Small Pox broke out upon her, and as they could not be perswaded to consent to a removal to the Hospital, a Flagg was hung out as a signal of Infection; and Patrick Daily, who is to receive 3/4d. p. Day was appointed a Guard for said House — and the following Orders were given him.

[22.] Boston, July 7, 1769

Mr. Patrick Daily.

The Small Pox being at Mr. Joseph Tylers House, we hereby appoint you a Watch for said House, and our directions to you are, that you suffer no Person to go in or out of the said House except the Doctor, Such Provisions & Supplys as may be wanted for the Family you are to get to them as well as you can — You must not leave the Watch till 11 O'Clock at Night nor fail attending again by Day break. We have ordered a Flag to be put out as a signal of Infection in said House, and we depend upon your behaving with great care and faithfulness in your Watch as the safety of the Inhabitants will much depend upon it, and on your so doing we shall allow you according to our agreement at the rate of Three Shillings & four Pence p. Day.

By Order of the Select men
WILLIAM COOPER Town Clerk

Information was this Day given the Selectmen, that Mr. Edwd. Crafts who lives near Liberty Tree, has his Wife and Daughter ill of the Small Pox, and as they do not consent to be removed, Mr. Williston was directed to see that a Flag was hung out as a signal of Infection; and mr. Edward Baker was appointed a Guard for said House at three Shilling & four Pence p. Day. And Orders were given him of the same tenor with the above.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen, July 8, 1769. Present, Henshaw, Jackson, Ruddock, Pemberton, Mason, Inches.

Coll°. Henshaw & Jackson a Committee from the Selectmen having waited upon General Mackey on the Yesterday to inquire of him whether any one Person among the Troops had the Small Pox — The General this Day sent a Billet to the Select men importing, that he had the pleasure to acquaint them, that he has had the Surgeons of the different Regiments with him, who assure him, that they have not Man Woman or Child to their knowledge in the Small Pox, either in the Barracks or Hospital.

[23.] The following Physicians, attended at the Selectmens Chamber by desire of the Selectmen, and acquainted them that they knew of no one who had the Small Pox in Town, or that they suspected had Symptoms of the Distemper. Viz.

Dr^s^. Cast, Story, Young, Danforth, Yorkas, (?) Bulfinch, Church, Warren, Rand, Llyd, Pecker, Jeffries.

Dr^s^. Perkins, Dr. Gardner, Sprague, Nevens (?) Whitworth, Sprague.

Coll°. Henshaw, & Mr^r^. Inches a Committee to direct the stopping the Passages, by Mr^r^. Crafts House.

Coll°. Jackson & Mr^r^. Pemberton a Committee to stop the Passages near Mr^r^. Tylers House.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen, July 9', 1769. Present, Henshaw, Jackson, Ruddock, Pemberton, Inches, Mason.

Coll. Jackson, Pemberton, & Mason, a Committee to get a Fence erected for stopping the Passage Way, near Mr^r^. Joseph Tylers House.

Boston Ss: At Meeting of the Selectmen, June 10, 1769. Present, Henshaw, Jackson, Ruddock, Pemberton, Inches, Mason.

[Advertisem^t^. relative to Small Pox, see July 31'.]

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen July 12. Present Henshaw, Jackson, Ruddock, Pemberton, Inches, Mason.

Mr^r^. (Elenor) Stokes's, Wife at the Alms house Mr^r^. Whitwell Represents as a very troublesome Person —

Sylvia Smith & Child, Province Poor at the Almshouse, wants to go to Philadelphia

John Dwire a distracted Man in the Work House belonging to Portsmouth.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen, July 15, 1769. Present, Jackson, Henshaw, Pemberton, Inches, Mason.

The Selectmen having received information of the death of Mr^s^. Tyler with the Small Pox. the following Orders were given Mr^r^. Williston

Boston July 15, 1769

Mr^r^. Thomas Williston

Having received the melancholly [24.] Information that Mr^r^. Joseph Tylers Wife died this Morning with the Small Pox — Our Orders are that you get the Corps into a Tarred Sheet & Coffin

as soon as may be, and that you bury the same this Night between the Hours of 12 & 1. O'Clock. Let a Man go before the Corps at some distance to give notice to any one that may be passing — those who carry the Corps or enter the House to receive the same must not fail shifting & cleansing themselves — the Guards must still be kept up at the House, and you must direct those within not to burn anything that is Infectious, and if Mr. Tyler consents let the Bed, Bedding &c. used by Mrs. Tyler be carried up to the Hospital at New Boston after the Funeral in order to be cleansed and air'd. you must assist Mr. Tyler in procuring everything necessary for smoking and cleansing the House. We expect the utmost carefulness on your part, in complying with these directions.

By Order of the Select men
William Cooper Town Clerk

[Advertisemt. relative to Small Pox July 31. 1769.]

Boston, Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen, July 18 1769. Present, Henshaw, Ruddock, Jackson, Hancock, Pemberton, Inches, Mason.

Boston, Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen, July 21, 1769. Present, Henshaw, Jackson, Hancock, Pemberton, Inches, Mason.

Information was given the Selectmen that Mr. Jabez Searl living in Temple Street is ill with the Small Pox, whereupon the Sedan was sent to carry him to the Hospital at West Boston.

Voted, that Mr. Thomas Williston have an order on Mr. Treasurer Jeffries for ten Pounds lawful money for the purchasing Supplys for those Persons sick with the Small Pox in the Hospital at West Boston.

Mr. Paul Farmer was directed by two of the Selectmen, Vizt. Mr. Hancock & Mr. Mason to receive into the Almshouse to be [25.] Supported there at the Province charge, she being a Stranger & not an Inhabitant of any Town in this Province, nor having wherewith to support herself.

Patrick Daily who was appointed a Guard at the House of Mr. Joseph Tyler was dismissed the 20t. of this Instant.

Boston, Ss: At a meeting of the Selectmen, July 22d. 1769. Present, Henshaw, Jackson, Pemberton, Inches, Mason.

Information was given the Selectmen that a Child a Daughter of Abijah Lewis at West Boston is taken ill with the Small Pox, upon which the Sedan was immediately sent to carry her to the Hospital.

Boston, Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen, July 24. 1769. Present, Henshaw, Jackson, Ruddock, Hancock, Pemberton, Inches, Mason.

Dr. Danforth informed the Selectmen that he declined taking any further care of those Persons sick with the Small Pox at the Hospital at West Boston, upon which the care of said Persons was committed to Dr. Myles Whitworth.

[Advertisem^{t} relative to Small Pox see July 31st.]

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen, July 26. 1769. Present, Henshaw, Jackson, Ruddock, Hancock, Pemberton, Inches, Mason.

Boston, Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen July 26. Present, Henshaw, Ruddock, Pemberton, Inches, Mason.

Information was given the Selectmen that a Negro Woman Servant to M^{r}. William Wingfield, was taken with the Small Pox; whereupon Orders were given that she should be removed to the Hospital at New Boston, the next morning Two O'Clock.

[Advertisem^{t} relative to Small Pox July 31^{s}.]

[**26.**] Boston, Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen, July 28, 1769. Present, Jackson, Ruddock, Mason.

Information was given the Select men, that Capt. Timothy Parker was taken ill with the Small Pox at the House of M^{r}. Townsend, in Queen Street, whereupon Orders were given for his being removed in the Sedan to the Hospital, between the Hours of Two & Three OClock in the morning.

Boston, Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen, July 29, 1769. Present, Henshaw, Jackson, Ruddock, Hancock, Pemberton, Inches.

Voted, that the following Letter be sent the Governor,

May it please your Excellency.

Having found upon examination that the Small Pox prevails in Philadelphia, we think it our duty to acquaint your Excellency therewith and to desire that Orders may be given the Commanding Officer at Castle William to stop all Vessels that may arrive from that City for an examination — We are

Your Excell^{ys}
Most Obed^{t}.
Hum. Servt.
JOSHUA HENSHAW
JOSEPH JACKSON
JOHN RUDDOCK
JOHN HANCOCK
SAMUEL PEMBERTON
HENDERSON INCHES
JONATHAN MASON
Select men of Boston

Boston July 29, 1769.

To His Excellency Sir Francis Bernard

[**27.**] Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen, July 31, 1769. Present, Henshaw, Jackson, Hancock, Pemberton, Inches, Mason.

Passed upon several accounts.

The following Advertisements have been published in the several News Papers.

Boston July 10, 1769

Reports having been propagated that some Soldiers & a number of other Persons have the Small Pox in this Town; the Public are hereby informed, That General Mackay has assured the Selectmen, that upon enquiry, the Surgeons of the several Regiments, know of no Man, Woman or Child that has the Small Pox, either in the Barracks or Hospital, and that if any should be taken down notice shall be given them; — the Physicians of the Town have also declared that they know not of any one Person, who has the Distemper or the Symptoms of it, excepting Mrs. Tyler at the Orange Tree, Mrs. Crafts at House near Liberty Tree, and a Soldier, Sailer, & two Women at the Province Hospital at New Boston; at which Places a Red Flag is hung out as a signal of the Small Pox, Guards placed, & the passages stopt to prevent a spread of the Infection — a strict inquiry will be continued, and immediate Notice given in all the Papers if any other Person should be visited with the Distemper — It is hoped that no one will conceal the Small Pox from the Selectmen, if it should break out in their Family, as in such case they would be prosecuted to the rigor of the Law.

By Order of the Selectmen
William Cooper Town Clerk

Boston July 17, 1769.

The Public are hereby informed that no one Person has the Small Pox in Town, or the Symptoms of it, excepting those who are in the Hospital at New Boston, and at Mr. Crafts House near Libertys all of whom are in a fair way of recovery. Guards are continued and Red Flags kept out at those Places, as also at the House from whence Mrs. Tyler has been buried, as signals of Infection. These [28.] will not be removed, nor the Fences which stop the Passage Ways taken down, untill the respective Houses are so thoroughly cleansed as to prevent any danger of Infection therefrom.

By Order of the Selectmen
William Cooper Town Clerk

Boston July 24, 1769.

The Selectmen hereby inform the Public, that no Person has the Small Pox in Town or the Symptoms of it, excepting those who are in the Hospital at New Boston & at Mr. Crafts House near Liberty Tree; all whom are in a fair way of recovery. On Fryday & Satturday last two Persons had the Eruption of the Small Pox, both living at the Westerly part of the Town; whereup they were both immediately removed to the Hospital there, Guards are continued, & red Flags kept out at the before mentioned Places as signals of Infection.

Boston July 27, 1769.

The Selectmen hereby inform the Public, That no Person has the Small Pox in Town, or the Symptoms of it, excepting those who are in the Hospital at New Boston, & at Mr. Crafts House near Liberty Tree; all of whom are in a fair way of recovery;

On Fryday & Satturday last two Persons had the Eruptions of the Small Pox, both living at the Westerly part of the Town; where upon they were both immediately removed to the Hospital; there the Guards are continued, & Red Flags kept out at the beforementioned places as signals of Infection.

The Report of a Child of Mr. Deblois having the Small Pox is entirely without Foundation. The public may depend upon it that that Distemper is at no other place in Town but the Two mentioned in the above advertisement.

Boston, July 31, 1769.

The Public are hereby informed, That no Person has the Small Pox in Town, excepting [29.] Those who are in the Hospital at New Boston, and at Mr. Crafts House near Liberty Tree; all of whom are in a fair way of recovery: On Thursday last a Negro Woman Servant to Mr. Wingfield near Wings Lane, and on the Fryday following Capt. Parker lately arrived from Philadelphia, had the Eruptions of the Small Pox and were both immediately removed to the Hospital; Red Flags are kept out, and Guards continued at the above mentioned Places for the safety of the Inhabitants.

By Order of the Selectmen
WILLIAM COOPER, Town Clerk.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen, August 2d. 1769. Present, Henshaw, Jackson, Ruddock, Pemberton, Inches, Mason.

Ordered that the Assize of Bread be set at Wheat at 4/11d. p. bushel, and that Six pence p. Bushel be allowed to the Bakers for their Charges Pains and Livelihood, which is computed as follows, vizt.

	lb.	oz.	dr.
A 4d. Loaf of Brown Bread ¾ Wheat ¼ Rye meal must weigh	2–	11–	
a 4d Ditto not above ½ Indian Meal must weigh	3–	12–	
Bisket of a Copper price		5–	9

James Thompson, & ——— Phillebrown approbated as Retailers for their Distill House only.

Voted, that Mr. Samuel Hartley have an order on Mr. Treasurer Jeffries for Eight Pounds (say £. 10), lawful money, the next Draft Day, for the purchasing Supplys for those Persons, who have been sent to the Hospital at Rainsfords Island, with the Small Pox, —— drawn for.

William Sutton of Engine No. 7. presented Nicholas Deering as a suitable Person for his Engine Company in the room of Thomas Bracket who has left the Town.

Voted, that he be accepted accordingly.

Gibbins Sharp of Engine No. 2, presented Wallace Furber as an Engine man in his Compy. in the room of Jethro Furber deceased.

Voted, that he be accepted accordingly.

[30.] Yesterday Mr. Edwd. Crafts, his Wife, Child, Maid, & Nurse & Apprentice were removed from their House at the South end, to Rainsfords Island, with their Bed Bedding &c. by Mr. Hartley, as were Joseph Hading a Sailor, Mrs. Foster, her two Children & a Nurse Child, all infected with the Small Pox.

Mr. Pemberton & Mason a Committee to remove Sylvia Smith & Child & John Dwire from the Almshouse out of the Province.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Augt. 3d. 1769. Present, Henshaw, Jackson, Ruddock, Hancock, Pemberton, Inches, Mason.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen, Augt. 9, 1769. Present, Henshaw, Jackson, Ruddock, Hancock, Pemberton, Inches, Mason.

Last Fryday a Grand Daughter of one Robinson —— taken with the Small Pox at a House the Head of Griffins Wharff and old Mr. Robinshaw a French Woman near the Rope Walk at West Boston was taken with the same Distemper on the Satturday when they were both removed to the Hospital.

Mr. Jabez Searl who had the Small Pox at the Hospital died last Tuesday was Week, and Capt. Timothy Parker of the same Distemper died there on the yesterday morning & were both buried the Night following their decease.

Dr. Whitworth having Reported to Mr. Mason one of the Selectmen that Mrs. Lollier —

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen, August 11. 1769. Present.

Voted, that a Certificate of the usual tenor be sent his Honor the Lieut. Governor that the Sloop America Josiah Gorham Master from Philadelphia stopt at the Castle on account of the Small Pox, may be permitted to come up to Town without endangering the health of the Inhabitants.

[31.] Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen, Augt. 15, 1769. Present, Henshaw, Jackson, Ruddock, Inches, Mason.

Mr. Hartley, having made Report that several Persons at Rainsfords Island, were now so well smoked & cleansed as to be fit to leave the Island Dr. Whitworth was desired to go down to make proper inspection into this matter, and to Report the same to the Selectmen.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen, August 16, 1769. Present, Henshaw, Jackson, Ruddock, Pemberton, Inches, Mason.

The Selectmen passed upon the List of Persons Licensed the last year to sell Strong Drink, both as Innholders & Retailers within this Town and made Return thereon to the Court of Sessions the last month. And have also at several Meetings considered the Petitions for Licenses for the Year ensuing, and the following Persons were approved & recommended by them — Vizt.

Inholders.

John Fisks - - - -	At his House near the Fortification
Samuel Breeding - -	At his House in Bromfields Lane
Daniel Jones - - -	At his House opposite John Smiths
Ebenezer Floyd - - -	At his House near Hancocks Wharff

Retailers

Miles Greenwood - -	At his House near Fortification
Edward Blanchard - -	At his Store on Long Wharff
John Whitty - - - -	At his House the Head of Cold Lane
Sarah Daws - - - -	At her House in Sudbury Street
Frances Look - - -	At her House near Dr. Cutlers Church
David McCloud - - -	At his Shop opposite Gliddens Ship yard
Mary Bradlee - - -	At her House in Auchmutys Lane
Jonathan Williams - -	At his House in Corn Hill
Benjamin Rumley -	At his House opposite Mr. Pembertons Church
Mary Hall - - - -	At her House in Common Street
William Dall - - - -	At his House in Brattle Square
Francis Salmon - - -	At his House near Mr. Pullings

Innholders

[32.] Daniel Calf -	At his House in Sea Street
Muntgear McCawell -	At his Shop in Short Street
Joseph Snelling - - -	At his House near Dr. Cutlers Church
Samuel Webb - - -	At his House opposite John Langdons
John Hood - - - -	At his House near Thos Daws Esq.
Rebecca Badger - -	At her House in Prince Street
Thomas Rand - - -	At his House near Winters Wharff
Ann Chandler - - -	At her House Daltons Row
Margaret Bickner - -	At her House near Green Dragon
Joseph Henderson - -	At his Distill house in Kneelands Lane
Ezekiel Cheevers - -	At his Distill house Rainsfords Square
Benjamin Goodwin - -	At his Distill house North End
John Cleland - - -	At his House near Mr. Pembertons Church
Susannah Wells - - -	At her House in Milk Street
Rebecca Edes - - -	At her House in Butlers Rowe
Henry Trail - - - -	At his Shop in Ship Street

The following Persons Petitioned for Licenses and were disapproved

Messrs.	Messrs.
John Lovering	Abigail Ross
Mary Clark	Hannah Story
Gyles Alexander	Margaret Stearns
John Sergeant	Mary Doubledee
Lydia Byles	Mary Ducers
William Withington	Ann Coppinger
William Corbitt	Abigail Whitman
Elizabeth McCleland	William Crombie
Samuel Healey	Hannah Kent
John Jepson	Thomas Simmons

Messrs.	Messrs.
Henry Mayers	Mary Cowell
Allice Brown	Margaret Adams
Robert Sloan	Attalanta Prichard
Patience Callahan	Nathan Thompson
John Hobbs	Joseph Spence
Henry Snows	

[**33.**] D^{r}. Whitworth having informed the Selectmen that one Bent a Servant of M^{r}. Bacon the Carpenter at New Boston had the Small Pox, He was agreeable to Orders immediately sent to the Hospital at New Boston. (mem^{o}. he is supposed to have purposely gone in the way of the Infection.)

Passed upon William Grays Province Account amounting to £–3–4– lawful Money as p. Copy on File.

M^{r}. Joseph Jackson apply'd to the Selectmen for liberty to set up Posts at the Front of Capt. Mulberrys House, whereupon,

Coll^{o}. Jackson was appointed to view the Street & direct in the setting the Posts.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen, August 19, 1769. Present, Henshaw, Pemberton, Mason.

D^{r}. Cast informed the Select men that a Child of one Webbers living in Cross Street has the Eruptions of the Small Pox, whereupon D^{r}. Whitworth was desired to look upon her, who Reports that he cannot yet determine whether it is the Small Pox.

Boston, Augt. 19, 1769

M^{r}. Samuel Hartley

D^{r}. Whitworth having made Return that the following Persons may leave the Hospital with safety to the Inhabitants Our Orders are that you permit them to come up immediately after they have procured a shift of Clothes vizt.

M^{r}. Crafts his Wife, Child, 2 Nurses & a Boy
M^{rs}. Foster & 3 Children
M^{r}. Robinson, & M^{r}. Ingerson
M^{r}. Hayden belonging to Scituate
M^{rs}. Martin, if she does not agree with you to stay.

[**34.**] Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen, Augt. 21, 1769. Present, Henshaw, Jackson, Pemberton, Inches, Mason.

Dr. Whitworth being of opinion that a Child of Webbers in Cross Street had the Small Pox, but others doubting whether it was that Distemper or the Chicken Pox, the Father was consenting to its being sent down to Rainsfords Island, tho' against its going to the Hospital at New Boston, whereupon M^{r}. Hartley was directed to carry the Child down to the Hospital under his care this Night.

Information having been given the Select men that an Apprentice of M^{r}. Browns at New Boston had the Eruptions of the Small Pox, he was by consent, immediately removed to the Hospital at that part of the Town.

Boston Ss: At a meeting of the Selectmen, Augt. 22^{d}. 1769 A.M. Present, Jackson, Pemberton, Mason.

Capt. White of Schooner Esther ——— from Philadelphia attended & Reports. That he came from Mediera to Phildelphia where he lay but seven Days; and took in a load of Flour & Bread for this Place, all his men have had the Small Pox, & nothing in the Vessel liable to retain infection, where upon, Voted, that the following Certificate be sent his Honor the Lieu^{t}. Governor

May it please your Honor

The Schooner Esther Benjamin White Master from Philadelphia has been stopt at Castle William on Account of the Small Pox. Have examined into the Circumstances of said Vessell We are of opinion she may be permitted to come up to Town without any danger to the Inhabitants, if your Honor thinks proper.

We are

Your most obed^{t}. Hum. serv^{ts}

JOSEPH JACKSON,
JOHN RUDDOCK,
SAMUEL PEMBERTON,
JONATHAN MASON.
Select men of Boston.

Boston Augt. 22^{d}. 1769
To the Honble.
Thom^{s}. Hutchinson Esq.

[35.] Dr. Whitworth attended and informs the Selectmen, that ——

Boston Ss: At a meeting of the Selectmen, August 22^{d}. 1769. P.M. Henshaw, Jackson, Pemberton, Inches, Mason.

Information of three Children with Small Pox.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen, Augt 23^{d}. 1769. Present Henshaw, Pemberton.

D^{r}. Whitworth having informed the Select men on yesterday that three Children, vizt. a Child of Matthew Chambers living near the Orange Tree and of John Rolley. & of Robert Wallis living at West Boston all Soldiers were taken with the Small Pox, they were the last Evening removed to the Hospital at that part of the Town.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Aug. 24, 1769. Present Henshaw, Inches.

The following Advertisement has been published in the several News Papers —

Boston Augt. 17, 1769.

The Public are hereby informed that the Small Pox is not anywhere in Town, but at the Hospital. A young Man an apprentice to a Carpenter dwelling at West Boston, was Yesterday taken with the Distemper, and immediately removed to said Hospital.

By Order of the Select men
WILLIAM COOPER Town Clerk.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Augt. 28′ 1769. Present, Jackson, Pemberton.

Ordered that the Assize of Bread be set at Wheat at + ——— [Remainder of entry crossed out, and marginal note says "no meeting."]

[**36.**] M^{r}. Paul Farmer was directed to receive into the Almshouse on the Province Account, one William Orgin a blind Man, not an Inhabitant of any Town in this Province nor having where with all to support himself. Signed by Joseph Jackson & Samuel Pemberton, Selectmen.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Augt. 30, 1769. Present, Henshaw, Jackson, Pemberton, Inches, Mason.

Ordered, that the assize of Bread be set at Wheat at 4/8 p. Bushel, and that 6^{d}. p. Bushel, be allowed to the Bakers for their Charges Pains and Livelihood, which is computed as follows, vizt.

	lb – oz – dr
A 4^{d}. Loaf Brown Bread $\frac{3}{4}$ Wheat $\frac{1}{4}$ Rye meal must weigh - - - - - . - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - -	2 – 11 –
a 4^{d} Ditto not above $\frac{1}{2}$ Indian meal must weigh - - -	3 – 12 –
a Bisket of a Copper price - - - - - - - - - - - - - -	– 6 –

This Day sent Three Soldiers Wives, vizt. Wallace, Rowley, and Chambers, with two of their Children, and M^{r}. Harsams Daughter, from the Hospital at New Boston to Rainsfords Island.

Messrs. Thomas Grenough, Nathaniel Loring, and Ridgeway apply'd to have the Pavement in Middle street repair'd.

Voted, that M^{r}. Thomas Williston have a Draft for £10 —— on Account of Small Pox. & M^{r}. Hartley for £15.

Voted, that the Town Clerk have a draft for £20, on Account of —

M^{r}. Love to have a draft for £20.

—— drawn for.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen. Sep^{t}. 3^{d}. 1769. Present, Henshaw, Jackson, Ruddock, Hancock, Pemberton, Inches.

Information was given the Selectmen on Sattuday that a Soldiers Child at New Boston had the Small Pox — said Child was immediately sent down to Rainsfords Island.

[**37.**] Information was given the Selectmen that a Child of M^{r}. Moores Boaded Alley had the Small Pox appeared upon it on the Yesterday, when the Child was sent to the Hospital at New Boston — M^{r}. Moore was desired by the Selectmen to have two other Children of his go with the sick one to the Hospital but he sent them not withstanding.

The Selectmen were also informed on the Yesterday that the Wife of m^{r}. Tuckerman the Hatter living near the Horse Shoe had the Eruptions of the Small Pox — they went to said House & found she was not in circumstances to be removed, having lain in but a few Days — a Flag was ordered out & her Brother William Sutton appointed a Guard.

Coll. Henshaw and M^{r}. Mason a Committee to order Fences to

be Erected in order to stop the Passage Ways near Mr. Tuckermans House.

Dr. Whitworth attended, and Reports to the Selectmen that Mrs. Chambers & Lollier at the Hospital at Rainsfords Island, being now sufficiently cleansed may be permitted to leave the Island, with safety.

Dr. Cast appeared and informed the Selectmen that Mr. Webber Twing near Cross Street & Father of the Child sent to the Island, had the Small Pox out upon him.

Mr. Williston was directed to look out for Hartley to carry him down to said Hospital, he consenting thereto.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen, Septem^r. 6 1769 —— Present, Henshaw, Jackson, Ruddock, Hancock, Inches, Mason.

An Apprentice of Mr. Bacons & another of Mr. Brown, together with Nurse Star, were sent from New Boston Hospital to Rainsfords Island on Yesterday.

[38.] Capt. Ruddock a Committee to get a passage to Quebeck for James Maylet a French Man, who came in Capt. Nichols from Cadiz being sent by the English Consul.

Mr. Hartley Reports that Mrs. Lollier at Rainsfords Island may be permitted to come up to Town, having a fresh Suit of Clothes, when liberty was accordingly given.

Mr. Hartley also Reported that Mr. Tylers Bedding &c. was sufficiently air'd & cleansed, he was therefore directed to bring them up to Mr. Tyler.

Mr. Hartley was directed to let one Chambers a Soldiers Wife come up, to Town, with a fresh Shift of Clothes, he having Reported she may leave the Island with safety being sufficiently smoked, and that Nurse Star may come up Satturday next she getting a fresh Suit of Clothes.

Mr. Mason & Mr. Pemberton a Committee to examine Mr. Farmer the Keeper of Almshouse Accounts.

Boston Ss: at a meeting of the Selectmen, Septem^r. 7, 1769. Present, Henshaw, Jackson, Pemberton, Inches, Mason.

Ordered, that the Assize of Bread be altered, and that the Assize of Bread be now set at Wheat at 5/ p. bushel, and that 6^d p. Bushel be allowed to the Bakers for their Charges Pains & Livelihood which is computed as follows, Viz^t.

	lb.	oz.	dr.
A 4^d. Loaf Brown Bread ¾ Wheat ¼ Rye Meal must weigh	2–	11–	
A. 4^d. Ditto not above ½ Indian d^o - - - - - - - - - - - -	3–	12–	
A Bisket of a Copper price - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - -	–	5–	10

Passed upon Mr. Paul Farmer Keeper of the Almshouse his Province Accounts amounting as p. Copys on File to £.23–12–10– and £.296–12–13¼–

The following Orders were given Mr. Hartley on the 6^t. Instant.

[39.] Boston September 6, 1769.

Mr. Samuel Hartley

You are permitted to let Mrs. Lollier leave the Island having a

fresh Suit of Clothes, as also one Chambers a Soldiers Wife, and must send up Mr. Tylers Bedding &c. You are also to suffer Nurse Star to come up on Satturday next she getting a fresh Suit of Clothes; which permissions are in consequence of your Report, that those Persons & Things have been sufficiently smoked and cleansed.

By Order of the Select men
William Cooper Town Clerk

Boston Ss: At a meeting of the Selectmen, Septemr. 13, 1769. Present, Henshaw, Ruddock.

Mr. Abraham Savage took the Oath, as Collector of Taxes for the year 1769, which were administered p. Mr. Ruddock.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen, Septemr. 18, 1769 Present Henshaw, Ruddock, Pemberton.

Capt. Joseph Chapman of Sloop Molly from Philadelphia appeared & Reports that he left that City about three Weeks past, and brings nothing in the Vessel liable to retain the Small Pox, his Cargo consists of Flour Iron & Brand, — and he has but one Person on board liable to the Distemper whose name is ——— whereupon Voted, that the following Certificate be sent his Honor the Lieut. Governor.

May it please your Honor,

The Sloop Molly Joseph Chapman Master from Philadelphia has been stopt at Castle William on Account of the Small Pox; We have examined into the Circumstances of said [40.] Vessel and are of Opinion she may be permitted to come up to Town, without any danger to the Inhabitants if your Honor thinks proper. We are

Your most obedt.
Humble Servts.
Joshua Henshaw
John Ruddock
Samuel Pemberton
Henderson Inches
Select men of Boston

Boston, Septemr. 18, 1769
To
His Honor Thoms. Hutchinson Esq. Lieut. Governor.

Mr. Paul Farmer was directed on the 15t. Inst: to receive into the Almshouse on the Province Account, one John Collfar a sick Person not an Inhabitant of any Town in this Province, nor having wherewithall to subsist himself, he came in Capt. Levy Stetson from West Indies.

Mr. Ruddock desired to order necessary Repairs to the North Grammar School.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen, Septemr. 20, 1769. Present, Henshaw, Jackson, Ruddock, Pemberton. Mason.

Mr. Hartley Reports that he has brought up Mrs. Robishaw &

her Daughter & Wingfields Negro agreeable to Orders they having been sufficiently smoked & cleansed.

Dr. Whitworth Reports that Browns Boy & Mr. Bacons Boy may be permitted to come up, with safety to the Inhabitants. Mr. Hartley was directed to permit them, to leave the Island, provided they have a shift of clothes.

[Memo. to enquire relative to Richards Shop near Fortification.]

Mr. Gains master of Engine N. 6 presented Nathaniel Law & Nathaniel Call as Engine in the room of Jabez Searl & William White, both deceased, & Mr. Uriah Nor Crost in the room of Israel Loring who has laid down.

[41.] Voted, that the Persons named on the other side be admitted Engine Men for Engine under Care of Mr. Josiah Gains.

Mr. Curtis Master of Engine No. 8. applied for the Premium allowed by the Town for bringing their Engine to work first at the Fire which lately broke out at the Hospital at the Bottom of the Common, —— drawn for.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen, Septemr. 25, 1769. Present, Jackson, Ruddock, Mason.

Last Fryday a Child of Capt. Stones at New Boston, & a Maid of Mr. Allen Otis's, were taken with the Small Pox & sent to the Hospital at that part of the Town, and on Satturday the Wife of Mr. Beals living near the Draw Bridge, & on Sabbath a Soldiers Child at West Boston were also taken with the Distemper, & the former sent to the Hospital the latter to the Pest House at Rainsfords Island. and this Day a Soldiers Child at Wheelwrights Barracks was sent to the Hospital at West Boston with the Small Pox.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen, Septemr. 27, 1769. Present, Henshaw, Jackson, Mason.

Information having been given that Mrs. Beals lately sent to the Hospital at West Boston died of the Small Pox this Morning — Orders were given Mr. Williston to procure a Coffin and see her buried this Night with the usual precautions; —

Passed upon Samuel Hartley Keeper of the Hospital at Rainsfords Island, his Accot. amt. to £. 6, 16/ as p. Copy on file.

Mr. Edward Jackson approved of as an Inholder, for the remainder of the year, at the House on Dock Square lately occupied by Mrs. Cazneau.

[42.] Mr. Paul Farmer Keeper of the Almshouse was directed by two of the Selectmen, vizt. Mr. Henshaw & Mason, one John Burch a Stranger and not an Inhabitant of any Town in this Province nor having wherewithall to support himself.

Upon Complaint made by Mr. Thomas Baker that Chimneys of a House in White Bread Alley owned by Mr. Dolling Edwards & occupied by David Poor and John Wottle as insufficient and dangerous. A Warrant was issued impowering Nathaniel Heath & John Brown to examine into the Complaint and make Report accordingly.

Passed upon William Grays Province Account amounting to £. 5– 5– 10– as p. Copy on file.

Passed upon Joseph Newells Province Account, amounting in the whole to £. 5– 6– 2.

Mr. Putnam having applied for the Premium allowed by the Town, to his Compy. for bringing their Engine to work first at the Fires which lately broke out at Mr. Mavericks & Mr. Simpsons House being 13/4 each which was granted accordingly.

—— —— drawn for.

Mr. Paul Farmer was directed to receive into the Almshouse on the Province Account by two of the Selectmen Vizt. Coll. Henshaw & Mr. Mason, one Alexander Thompson a sick Stranger who is not an Inhabitant of any Town in this Province nor having wherewithall to support himself. —— signed by Mr. Greenleaff Overseer.

Mr. Hartley having Reported that the Woman who nursed Mr. Tuckermans Child is now sufficiently smoked & cleansed. he was directed to bring her up first precuring a shift of Clothes.

Mr. Hartley was directed to take down to the Island Mrs. —— Beds, Nurse, & everything that belongs to her now in the Hospital. Also Capt. Parkers bedding &c. and Mrs. Holland if she inclines

[43.] Ordered, that the Assize of Bread be set at Wheat at 5/ p. Bushel and that Six pence p. Bushel be allowed to the Bakers for their Charges Pains & Livelihood which is computed as follows, Vizt.

	lb.	oz.	dr.
A 4d. Loaf Brown Bread ¾ Wheat ¼ Rye Meal must weigh	2–	11–	
a 4d. Ditto not above ½ Indian — do. - - - - - - - - -	3–	12–	
a Bisket of a Copper price - - - - - - - - - - - - - -		5–	10

The following was sent the Selectmen of Concord.

Gentlemen,

We have received yours relative to Elizabeth Hinshee and would now acquaint you that if it can be made appear that she is an Inhabitant of this Town we shall be willing to make any reasonable allowance for the Charge she may occasion you; but it is our desire that in case she is able to bear a removal she may be sent to us by Warrant; but this on supposition that she belongs to this Town.

By Order of the Selectmen
WILLIAM COOPER Town Clerk

To the Gentlemen the Selectmen of Concord.
Boston September 28. 1769

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen, Septem 28, 1769. A.M. Present, Henshaw, Jackson, Ruddock, Inches, Mason.
Collector of Taxes directed to attend —

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen, Septemr. 28, 1769. P.M. Present, Henshaw, Jackson, Ruddock, Inches, Mason.

Collector of Taxes attended, when Mr. Samuel Ruggles Junr. acquainted the Selectmen that he declined serving as a Collector.

[44.] Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen, Septemr. 29. 1769 — Present, Henshaw, Jackson, Inches, Mason.

Voted, that the Town Clerk issue a Warrant for a Town Meeting on Wednesday the fourth Day of October next at 10. OClock. Before Noon.

Messrs. Edes and Gill had the printing of the Notifications by order of one of the Selectmen.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Octor. 3d. 1769. Present, Jackson, Pemberton, Inches, Mason.

Capt. William Church of Sloop Rainbow from Philadelphia attended & Reports, that he left that City about 15 Days past, with a Load of Flour & Iron, and has not any thing on board, which is likely to retain infection; that no one of his People have had the Small Pox neither have they been in the way of Infection, whereupon,

Voted, that said Vessel be permitted to come up, and that the following Certificate be sent his Honor the Lieut. Governor —

May it please your Honor

The Sloop Rainbow William Church Master from Philadelphia has been stopt at Castle William on Account of the Small Pox; Having examined into the Circumstances of said Vessel we are of Opinion she may be permitted to come up to Town without any danger to the Inhabitants if your Honor thinks proper —

We are
Your most Obedt.
Humble Servts.

JOSEPH JACKSON
SAMUEL PEMBERTON
HENDERSON INCHES
JONN. MASON
Select men of Boston.

Boston Octor. 3d. 1769
To Honble. Thomas Hutchinson Esq
Lieut. Governor

[45.] Mr. Hartley attended & Reports that he carried down to the Island on the yesterday Mrs. Tuckerman, her Husband Nurse & one Child; and brought up from thence the same Day, Sarah Brown — who had been employed as a Wet Nurse

Mr. William Moore having a Child sick in the Hospital at New Boston, was permitted to go into said Hospital, he engaging to leave it when his Room shall be wanted.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen, Octor. 4, 1769, A.M. Present, Henshaw, Jackson, Pemberton.

Mr. Gyles apply'd for liberty to open a Drain out of his yard in Middle street into the Common Shore.

Voted, that liberty be granted provided the Ground & Pavement is made good to the satisfaction of the Selectmen.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen, Octo^{r}. 4, 1769 P.M. Present, Henshaw, Pemberton, Mason.

M^{r}. Hartley Reports, that M^{rs}. Holland, M^{rs}. Jones, & M^{r}. Bell, are smoked & cleansed, and may leave the Hospital with safety, Orders were therefore given him to bring them up as soon as they have a shift of Clothes.

M^{r}. Hartley is permitted to take M^{r}. More his Wife & 2 Children from the Hospital at New Boston to the Island in order for cleansing, as also Stones Child & Otis's Maid.

M^{r}. Abraham Savage was directed to let M^{r}. Samuel Hartley have ten or twelve Pounds lawful money for the use of the Hospital at Rainsfords Island.

D^{r}. Whitworth was desired to examine a Child of one Bills a soldier at New Boston, he Reported that the Child had not had the Small Pox.

[**46.**] Capt. Josiah Gorham of Sloop America from Philadelphia attended & Reports, That he left said City about Eighteen Days, his Lading consisting of Flour & Iron he has 2 Boxes of Lemmons, & 3 Boxes of Irish Linnen on board, which had not been three Days in Philadelphia where they were Imported from London Derry before they were taken on board, his People all well & not liable to take the Infection except the Captains Son, neither has he anything on board liable to retain the Small Pox, whereupon,

Voted, that she may be permitted to come up, first smoking the Cabbin & Steerage, together with the 3 Boxes of Linnen & that a Certificate of the following tenor be given.

May it please your Honor,

The Sloop America, Josiah Gorham Master from Philadelphia has been stopt at Castle William on Account of the Small Pox; Having examined into the Circumstances of said Vessel we are of Opinion she may be permitted to come up to Town without any danger to the Inhabitants if your Honor thinks proper. We are

Your most obed^{t}.

Humble serv^{ts}.

Joshua Henshaw
Samuel Pemberton
Jonathan Mason
Selectmen of Boston.

Boston October 4. 1769 —

To the Honble. Thom^{s}. Hutchinson Esq.
Lieu^{t}. Governor.

M^{r}. Mills whose Children was removed from the Neighborhood of M^{rs}. Tuckerman, for fear of the Small Pox has liberty to bring his Children home next Monday.

[**47.**] Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen, Octo^{r}. 5, 1769. Present, Jackson, Inches, Mason.

Capt. Benjamin Gorham of Sloop Hannah from Philadelphia attended & Reports, That he left Philadelphia fourteen Days ago, with a Load of Flour Iron & Salt & Bran & has nothing on board liable to retain Infection, No one of his People have been taken with the Small Pox in the Voyage but two of them were left at the Vine Yard sick of the Bloody Flux, he has Four of his People who are liable to the Distemper, and if they should complain of being ill he will immediately acquaint the Selectmen, — has a few Hampers of Bottles on Deck.

Voted, that she may be permitted to come up, first smoking the Cabbin Steerage & the Hampers of Bottles & that the following Certificate be given.

May it please your Honor

The Sloop Hannah Benjamin Gorham Master from Philadelphia has been stopt at Castle William on Account of the Small Pox; Having examined into the Circumstances of said Vessel we are of Opinion she may be permitted to come up to Town without any danger to the Inhabitants, if your Honor thinks proper. We are

Your most Obed^{t}.
Humble Servants
JOSEPH JACKSON
SAMUEL PEMBERTON
HENDERSON INCHES
JONATHN. MASON
Select men of Boston.

Boston October 5, 1769

To the Honble Thomas Hutchinson Esq.
Lieu^{t}. Governor.

[48.] Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen, Oct^{or}. 7, 1769. Present, Jackson, Ruddock, Pemberton, Inches, Mason.

The Selectmen having received Information from a number of Persons living at the Southerly part of the Town, that they were continually disturbed & abused by the Kings Soldiers at the Guard House near the Fortification Gates who every Night commit Theft and Robberies & that some of the Officers themselves instead of checking them, treat the Complaints of the Inhabitants with the most intollerable Insult. These Inhabitants also requesting that a Meeting of the Inhabitants may be called as soon as may be to consider of what steps may be proper to be taken to prevent such abuses as they have suffered & are still likely to suffer; Have so far considered of these matters, as for the present to direct, that Constable Martin of the South End Watch together with one Man out of each of the other Watches proceed at Nights to a House of M^{r}. Pierpoints near the Gates at the South End, there to watch and ward, in order to prevent such abuses in future, and that the following Directions be now given the Constable of the Watch

Boston October 7. 1769.

Mr. John Martin

Complaint having been made to us by a considerable number of the Inhabitants living at the South part of the Town,

that they are continually disturbed & abused by the Kings Soldiers at the Guard House near the Entrance Gates at the South End, and that every Night Thefts & Roberries are committed by them. Our Orders to you as Constable of the South Watch are, That you take one man from the [**49.**] North Watch another Man from the Dock Watch and one more from the Town House Watch with whom you are to Repair at Nights to a House of Mr. Robert Pierpoints where you will be accommodated for the present, and with those Men you must use your best and most prudent endeavors to prevent a repetition of the abuses and Disturbances complain'd of and to come at the knowledge of those Persons who have or may be guilty of such offences, by taking and securing some of the Offenders if possible, or by observing them so narrowly as that you may be able to evidence against them when called before the Majistrates. We refer you to our former Orders given you as Constable of the Watch, and to the Laws Enacted for the regulation of the Town Watch, and doubt not of your conforming yourself thereto.

By Order of the Select men
William Cooper Town Clerk

The Committee appointed to survey Messrs. Poore and Wottles Chimnies, Reported that they had thoroughly searched the Chimnies of said House in White Bread Alley, and that according to the best of their judgment they found them not fit by any means to make Fires in them any longer till they are repaired.

The Copy of the Warrant for the survey is as follows

Boston Septemr 27, 1769.

Messrs. Nathaniel Heath & John Brown

Complaint having been made to us that the Chimnies of a House in White Bread Alley occupied by David Poor and John Wottle, are insufficient and dangerous. [**50.**] We desire and impower you to survey the same, and Report to us your Judgment concerning them.

Joshua Henshaw
Joseph Jackson
John Ruddock
Jona. Mason
Selectmen of Boston

In consequence of the Return made on the aforesaid Warrant, it was Voted that the following Order be sent Messrs. Poor and Wottle.

Boston Octor. 7, 1769.

Messrs. David Poor & John Wottle

Upon Complaint made by a number of the Inhabitants of this Town of defects in the Chimnies of the House occupied by you, We issued our Warrant for a survey. a Copy of the Return made on said Warrant you have above. Agreeable to the directions of the Law in that Case made and provided we hereby warn you not to make or suffer any Fires to be made in said Chimneys, till the defects are cured either by amending repairing or re-

building said Chimnies, as you would avoid the penaltys of said Law.

By Order of the Selectmen
WILLIAM COOPER Town Clerk

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen, October 11, 1769. Present, Henshaw, Jackson, Ruddock, Pemberton, Inches, Mason.

Mr. Abraham Savage Collector of Taxes for 1769. Proposed Mr. Nathaniel Green Merch^t. & Mr Archibald Mc.Neall for his Bondsmen.

Voted, that they be accepted.

Dr. Whitworth having Reported that the following Persons [51.] Have been sufficiently smoked and cleansed, & may leave the Island with safety to the Inhabitants, he was ordered to let them come up to Town, each having a shift of Clothes provided them.

The Persons are

Mr. Moore his Wife & Family
Mr. Tuckerman & his Daughter
Mr. Wallis's his Wife and Child
Nurse Kent
Mrs. Saunders and Child

Mr. Bowdine who keeps the George Tavern waited upon the Select men for their Liberty, that Fire Works, should be exhibited at his yard, on Thursday Evening next, to which the Selectmen were consenting.

Coll. Henshaw & Mr. Inches a Commee. to order the necessary Repairs to the South Writing School.

Memo. Mr. Faxtons Leace
Mr. Browns do. to be signed.

Ordered, that the Assize of Bread of Bread be Altered & now set at Wheat at 5/4d. p. Bushel and that 6d. p. Bushel be allowed to the Bakers for their Charges Pains and Livelihood which is computed as follows Vizt

	lb.	oz.	dr.
A 4d Loaf of Brown Bread ¾ Wheat ¼ Rye Meal must weigh	11	2	
A 4d. Ditto not above ½ Indian do.	13	2	
A Bisket of a Copper price - - - - - - - - - - - - - - -	5	4	

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen, Octor. 18, 1769 — Present, Henshaw, Ruddock, Inches, Mason.

Mr. Hartley was directed to bring up Mr. Tuckerman his Wife & Child, and to take down the Things liable to Infection to the Island there to be aired and cleansed.

[52.] Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen, Octor. 21, 1769. Present, Henshaw, Ruddock, Pemberton, Inches, Mason.

Information having been given the Selectmen that one Bills a Soldier, who came up from Rainsfords Island where he had attended his Child, about a fortnight past, had his Wife taken with the Small Pox, Dr. Whitworth was sent for, who Reported that

she had the Small Pox, whereupon she was together with her Husband & Child sent down on Thursday to the Hospital at Rainsfords Island.

Mr. Williston was directed to acquaint Mr. Clark who has kept Watch at the Hospital at New Boston, that he may leave the Watch this Evening as also Mr. Hersom that he takes care no one comes in or goes out of the Hospital, till the further Orders of the Selectmen.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen, October 24, 1769. Present, Henshaw, Ruddock, Pemberton, Inches, Mason.

Dr. Whitworth informs the Selectmen that one Mr. Daniel Seargeants Wife is taken with the Small Pox at the Sugar House Barracks New Boston. and that she is willing to be sent down to the Island, whereupon Orders were given Mr. Williston to procure Lucas's Boat to carry her down this Afternoon.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen, Octr. 25, 1769. Present, Henshaw, Jackson, Ruddock, Hancock, Pemberton, Inches, Mason.

Mr. Samuel Ruggles Junr. one of the Collectors of Taxes for 1767—having produced to the Selectmen the Town County & Province Treasurers Receipt in full for the Sums committed to him to Collect for that year.

Voted, that he have a Draft for his Premium agreeable to the Vote of the Town, and that His Bonds be delivered him up.

Mr. Williston Reported that the Boat carried off Sergeant Me.Daniels Wife this morning.

[53.] Mr. Salter Collector of Taxes, for 1769 proposes Mess. Daniel Rea, Gentleman, & Thomas Parker, Mason, for his Bondsmen.

Mr. Jacob Wendell appeared, and informed the Selectmen that he declined serving in the Office of a Collector to which he was chosen at the last Town Meeting.

Mr. Edward Hollyday Collector of Taxes for 1769, proposes Mr. John Winslow Merch^t. & Mr. Harmonees Brimmer Apothecary for his Bondsmen.

Voted, that they be accepted.

Mr. Robert Pierpoint appeared and informed the Selectmen that he had met with further Insults & injuries from the Soldiers at the Guard House, near the Fortification.

whereupon he was advised to consult proper Council in order for his proceedure, — and the Selectmen assured him that they would recommend to the Town a Reimbursement for the Charge he may be at.

Voted, that a New Watch house be immediately Erected upon the Towns Land adjoin'g Fortification of 12 feet Square, that Mr. Robert Pierpoint have the Building of said House, and that four men be added to the Watch.

Boston Ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen, Octo^r. 27, 1769. Present, Henshaw, Hancock, Pemberton, Inches, Mason

Mr. Martin Constable of the South Watch presented the following Persons for the addition to the South Watch, Viz.

Messrs. Richard Tucker
David Farrar
Acaron Hartshorne
Isaac Harper
Perez Webb

who were directed to appear next Monday

[**54.**] Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen, Octor. 28, 1769. Present, Henshaw, Jackson, Inches, Mason.

Capt. Elijah Luce in the Sloop Molly from Philadelphia Reports that he left that City on the 15t Inst. His Vessel laden with Flour & Barr Iron two Casks of Beer and 1 Box of Lemmons —

A Certificate of the common tenor was delivered the Capt. for the Lieut. Governor in order for the Vessels coming up.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen, October 30, 1769. — Present, Henshaw, Jackson, Hancock, Mason.

A Child of one Sanders a Soldiers Wife living at Wheelwrights Wharff, who came up from Rainsfords Island about 14 Days ago where she had been attending a Child, being taken with the Small Pox; was this Forenoon sent down to the Hospital at Rainsfords Island together with the Mother.

Ordered, that the Assize of Bread be set at Wheat at 5/ 4d. p. Bushel and that 6d. p. Bushel be allowed to the Bakers for their Charges Pains and Livelihood which is computed as follows, Vizt.

	lb.	oz.	dr.
A 4d. Loaf brown Bread $\frac{3}{4}$ Wheat $\frac{1}{4}$ Rye meal must weigh	2 –	11 –	
a 4d. Ditto not above $\frac{1}{2}$ Indian meal do.	3 –	12 –	
a Bisket of a Copper price		5 –	4

Mr. John Martin is appointed Constable of the New Watch near the Fortification, and the following Persons are appointed as Watchmen, Vizt.

Richard Tucker — Aaron Hartshorne
David Farrar — Isaac Harper

Constable Martin was directed to go with them to the New Watch when finished which suppose will be on the Morrow.

[**55.**] Mr. Thomas Bradford appointed Constable of the South Watch Pro. Tempe. during the absence of Constable Martin who has been placed at the upper Watch House, and Perez Webb is added to said Watch in the room of Mr. Martin. (Wm. Mcfadden in his Room.)

Mr. Joseph Putnam of Engine No. 4 applied for the Premium allowed by the Town for bringing their Engine to work first at the Fire which lately broke out at the House of Jacob Royal Esq. which was accordingly allowed — drawn for.

Mr. Williston was directed to acquaint Mr. Hersom the Keeper of the Almshouse Hospital at New Boston, that he may now come

abroad in order to carry on his business, and that the Supplys which have been sent to the Family since they have been shut up, be now stopt.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen, Novem^{r}. 1, 1769. Present, Henshaw, Jackson, Ruddock, Hancock, Inches, Mason.

Voted, that M^{r}. Samuel Hartley have a Draft on the Town Treasurer for Twenty three Pounds six Shillings and eight Pence, —— drawn for.

A Soldiers Wife at Wheelwrights Wharff, sick of the Small Pox whose name was ——— Distance, sent to Rainsfords Island.

Boston Ss. At a meeting of the Selectmen, Novem^{r}. 3, 1769. Present, Henshaw, Jackson, Ruddock, Hancock, Pemberton.

Capt. William Church of Sloop Rainbow, Master from Philadelphia attended & Reports That he left that City about seven Days ago with a load of Flour and Iron, and has not anything on board, which is likely to retain Infection, and that no one of his People have had the Small Pox, for which reason they all kept out of the way of Infection.

Voted, that said Vessel be permitted to come up, and that a Certificate of the common tenor be given for the Lieu^{t}. Governor

[56.] M^{r}. Robert Pierpoint has Agreed with the Selectmen for a spot of Ground on the West side of the street near the Brest work, and to allow Two Pounds thirteen Shillings and four pence as Ground Rent for the same.

Passed upon John Ruddock Esq. his Province Accounts Amounting to £. 2–14– as by Copy of Account on file.

M^{rs}. Sarah Silsbey applyed to the Select men for their approbation of her to keep Tavern in the room of her late Father deceased at their House in Crooked Lane, and she was approbated accordingly.

Voted that Samuel Hassham have a Draft on the Treasurer for £. 8 — lawful money in p^{t}. for services in the Small Pox. (to go in October Draft)

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen, Novem^{r}. 9, 1769. Present, Henshaw, Jackson, Ruddock, Hancock, Pemberton.

Voted, that a Warrant be issued for a Town Meeting on Monday 9. OClock Before Noon.

Voted, that Messrs. Fleets have the printing of the Notifications.

M^{r}. Paul Farmer Keeper of the Almshouse was directed to receive into the Almshouse on the Province Acco^{t}. one Bush a poor Child to be supported there the Child being a Stranger & not an inhabitant of any Town in this Province.

The following Orders were given M^{r}. Thomas Bradford appointed Constable of the South Watch.

Boston Novem^{r}. 1st. 1769.

M^{r}. Thomas Bradford

The Selectmen having appointed you, pro Temporo Constable of the Watch at the South Part of the Town do order & direct.

[57.] 1st. That you with the Watchmen under you attend at s^{d}. Watch House at the Hours of 9 oClock every Night from the 20th. of Septr. to the 20th. of March and continue till clear day light, and at the Hours of 10 °Clock from the 20th. of March to the 20th. of September, that you & each of you continue upon Duty untill Sunrise; & if any of your Division should misbehave you must inform the Select men of it.

2^{d}. That you keep a fair Journal of your doings every Night, how you find the State of the Town, and who of the Watchmen are on Duty, and Report to the Selectmen every Wednesday.

3^{d}. That two at least of your Division taking their Staves with them walk the Rounds within your Ward, twice at least every Night, or oftner if necessary, setting out from the Watch House at such Times in the Night as you shall judge best, varying the Time according to your discretion.

4th. In going the Rounds Care must be taken that the Watchmen are not Noisy but behave themselves with strict decorum, that they frequently give the Time of the Night & what the Weather is with a distinct but moderate Voice, excepting at Times when it is necessary to pass in Silence in order to detect and secure Persons that are out on unlawful Actions.

5th. You & your Division must endeavour to suppress all Routs Riots & other Disorders that may be committed in the Night and secure such Person as may be guilty; that proper steps may be taken the next Morning for a prosecution as the Law directs, we absolutely forbid your taking private satisfaction, or any bribe that may be offer'd you to let such go or to conceal their offence from the Selectmen.

6^{thly}. You are to take up all Negroes Indian and Molatto Slaves that may be absent from their masters House after nine °Clock at Night and passing the Streets unless they are carrying Lanthorns with light Candles and can give a good and satisfactory Account of their Business that such offenders may be proceeded with according to Law.

7^{thly}. The Selectmen expect that you execute your office with Resolution & Firmness not using any affronting langage but behaving with discretion & Calmness, that it may appear you do not abuse even Offenders & they recommend to you and your Division that you behave with Sobriety Temperance Vigilence and Fidelity and agreeable to the Laws; Your Office [58.] requires a Conduct; the Security of the Town demands it, & you may be assured that your continuance in the place to which you are appointed altogether depends upon it

By Order of the Select men

WILLIAM COOPER Town Clerk.

The following Orders were given M^{r}. John Martin appointed Constable of the New South Watch.

Boston, November 1st. 1769.

Mr. John Martin

Complaint having been made to us by a Considerable Number of the Inhabitants living at the South Part of the Town, that they are continually disturbed and abused by the Kings Soldiers at the Guard House near the Entrance Gates at the South End, and that every Night Thefts and Robberies are committed by them. We have upon Consideration of said Complaint and Information, thought it for the quiet & safety of the Inhabitants that a Watch should be placed near said Guard House and have accordingly appointed one consisting of Four Persons exclusive of yourself, Vizt. Messrs. Richard Tucker, David Farrar, Aaron Hartshorn, Isaac Harper, — of this Watch you are appointed the Constable, And our Orders to you therefore are, That you repair with the above named Persons every Night to the House we have caused to be erected for your accommodation on the Towns Land almost opposite to Mr. Robert Pierpoints House, and that you use your utmost and most prudent Endeavours to prevent a Repetition of the Abuses Robberies & Disturbances complained off, and also to come at the knowledge of those Persons who have, or may be guilty of such offences, by taking and securing some of the offenders if possible, or by observing them so narrowly, as that you may be able to evidence against them when called upon as Witnesses. We depend upon your Care and Fidelity, that the People of your Watch are kept to your Duty, that they may answer the end of Watchmen, especially by contributing to the quiet and safety of those Inhabitants who have more immediately procured this appointment. We refer you to our former Orders given you as Constable of the other South Watch [**59.**] and, to the Laws enacted for the regulation of the Town Watch, and doubt not of your conforming yourself thereto.

By the Order of the Select men

WILLIAM COOPER Town Clerk

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen, Novr. 11, 1769. Present

Capt. John Laighton of Schooner Elizabeth from Philadelphia appeared and Reports, That he left that City last Wednesday was Week with a load of Flour and Iron, and has not anything on board likely to convey Infection — whereup a Certificate was given his Honor the Lieut. Governor of the common tenor.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen, Novr. 12, 1769. Present, Jackson, Pemberton, Inches, Mason.

Capt. Edward Bacon of Sloop Hope from Philadelphia attended and Reports, That he left Philadelphia Yesterday was Week his Cargo consisting of Flour, Iron, & Six Hampers of Bottles upon the Quarter Deck of the Vessel, and has nothing on board liable to retain Infection, the Captain & Lemuel Freeman & John Gold, two of his People have not had the Small Pox.

Voted, that the following Letter be sent the Lieut. Govr.

May it please your Honor

The Sloop Hope Edward Bacon Master from Philadelphia has been stopt at Castle William on account of the Small Pox: Having examined into the Circumstances of said Vessel we are of Opinion she may be permitted to come up to Town without any danger to the Inhabitants if your Honor thinks proper — We are

Your most obed^{t}. hum. Servt.

Select men of Boston

Boston Novr. 12. 1769

To the Honble. Hutchinson Esq.

Lieut. Governor.

[60.] Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen, Novr. 13, 1769. Present, Henshaw, Jackson, Hancock, Pemberton, Inches, Mason.

M^{r}. Edward Carnes informs the Selectmen, that he has taken into a House of his as a Tenant one Daniel M^{c}.Alpen a Fencing Master, who came in Capt. Gorham from Nova Scotia.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Novem^{r}. 15, 1769. Present, Henshaw, Jackson, Hancock, Inches, Mason.

M^{rs}. Tayler prays Liberty to open the Ground from her House in Marlborough Street into the Common Shore in order to clear her Cellar of Water.

M^{r}. Inches & Mason a Comm^{ee}. to view the Ground and make Report.

M^{r}. Hasham having desired the Selectmen to permit her Daughter now at Rainsfords Island, to come up to Town, the Town Clerk was directed to acquaint M^{r}. Hartley, that he is allowed to bring up said Person, provided she is first well cleansed, and a Shift of Clothes found for her.

Mr. Farmer keeper of the Almshouse was directed to receive in the Alms-house on the Province Account one Mary Scott a Stranger & not an Inhabitant of any Town in this Province nor having wherewithall to support herself — said Scott came in Capt. Wier from Quebeck.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen, Novem^{r}. 17. 1769. Present, Jackson, Hancock, Pemberton, Inches, Mason.

M^{r}. Hartley appeared & Reported, that M^{rs}. Saunders & M^{r}. Distance, have been sufficiently smoked & cleansed, & may leave the Island with safety provided, they have a fresh shift of Clothes. Whereupon Liberty was given accordingly.

[61.] Boston, Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen, Novr. 20, 1769. Present, Hancock, Pemberton.

Capt. William Wyer of Sloop Susannah from Philadelphia stopt at Castle William, — Reports, That he left that City eleven Days ago, with a Cargo of Flour Bread and Iron, that he has but two of his men who are liable to take the Small Pox, but nothing on board likely to retain Infection.

A Certificate for the Lieuten^{t}. Governor of the usual tenor

was given the Captain, signed by four of the Select men, Viz^{t}. Co^{ll}. Jackson, M^{r}. Hancock, M^{r}. Pemberton & M^{r}. Inches.

Boston, Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen, Novr. 22^{d}. 1769. Present, Henshaw, Jackson, Ruddock, Hancock, Pemberton, Inches, Mason.

M^{r}. Hartley Reports — That M^{r}. Bell his Wife and Child, and M^{r}. Rowly his Wife and Child, are now sufficiently smoked & cleansed, and may leave the Island with safety, provided they have a shift of Clothes — which neither of them are yet furnished with — And that it is her (*sic*) Opinion that M^{r}. Stones Child is not yet fit to come up with safety — whereupon —

Boston, Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen, Novem^{r}. 25, 1769. Present, Henshaw, Jackson, Hancock, Pemberton, Inches, Mason.

The Selectmen took into Consideration the Vote of the Town respecting entering their Complaint against the Governor Commissioner and others who have wrote Incendiary Letters against the Town and Agreed to attend the Grand Jury for that purpose on Monday the 27 Ins^{t}. 3. OClock.

Boston, Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen. Novem^{r}. 27. 1769. Present, Henshaw, Jackson, Hancock, Pemberton, Inches, Mason.

Capt. William Mackay applys to the Selectmen for Liberty to open a Drain from his House in Fish Street in order to clear his Cellar of Water.

[62.] Voted, that Liberty be granted provided the Ground and Pavement is made good to the satisfaction of the Selectmen.

Ordered, that the Assize of Bread be set at Wheat at 5/4^{d}. p. Bushel and that 6^{d}. p. Bushel be allowed to the Bakers for their Charges Pains and Livelihood which is computed as follows, Viz^{t}.

	lb.	oz.	dr.
A 4^{d}. Loaf brown Bread $\frac{3}{4}$ Wheat $\frac{1}{4}$ Rye meal must weigh - - - - - - - - - - - - - -	2 –	11 –	
A 4^{d}. Ditto not above $\frac{1}{2}$ Indian meal — d^{o}. - -	3 –	12 –	
A Bisket of a Copper price - - - - - - - - -			5 – 4.

Boston, Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen, Novr. 29, 1769. Present. Jackson, Hancock, Pemberton, Mason.

Capt. Josiah Gorham of Sloop America from Philadelphia, Reports that he left that City eighteen Days ago, his Vessel loaded with Flour and Iron, and has nothing on board liable to Infection, two of his People have not had the Small Pox, whereupon,

Voted a Certificate be given him of the usual tenor.

Received from D^{r}. Whitworth a Return of the Bed & Bed Clothes at the Province Hospital, New Boston, Viz^{t}.

2 Fether Beds	6 pair Sheets
3 Flock — ditto	3 Coverlids

2 Bolsters	2 Bedsteads
4 Pillows	2 Close Stools
29 Blankets	2 Bed Pans

Mr. Barrel, Calf & Andrews, a Committee from the Clerks of the Market Complain of Mr. Harris the Baker & his Servant Robert Davis, as having abused Mr. Barrel & Andrews, by charging the former with stealing their Bread & other ill Language & also Mr. Sircombs man named Cook — abused Mr. John Bernard.

[**63.**] One Ann Morey a sick Stranger not having wherewith to support herself was sent to the Alms house to be supported on the Province Charge, the Order on Mr. Paul Farmer was signed by Mr. Pemberton & Mason.

Mr. Samuel Hartley having Reported, that Mr. Stones Child was now so well smoked & cleansed that with a fresh shift of Clothes he may be permitted to come up to Town with safety to the Inhabitants, whereupon Orders were given him accordingly.

Mr. Paul Farmer was directed to receive into the Alms house to be supported at the Province Charge one Elizabeth Smith who is not an Inhabitant of any Town in this Province is sick & has not wherewithall to support herself, the Order was signed by Mr. Pemberton & Mason two of the Select men & is to be signed by Mr. Samuel Whitwell Overseer.

Voted, that Wm. Cooper the Clerk have a draft for £. 20.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen, Decemr. 4, 1769. Present, Henshaw, Jackson, Ruddock, Hancock, Pemberton, Inches, Mason.

Mr. Pemberton & Mr. Mason a Commee. to enquire into the Circumstances of one Beacham a Soldiers Wife in the Almshouse from Dorchester to this Town.

Capt. Josiah Rogers of Schooner Ninety two, stopt Rainsfords Island, appeared & Reports that he left Quebeck the 8' or 9' of November, about 12 Days after Sayling one of his hands was taken with the Small Pox; and landed at Canseau, and about 9 Days ago one Scamels Hopkins was taken with the same Distemper. That he has only ballast on board, excepting a Trunk & a Chest of a Passenger — no one on board but the Captain & Mr. Seth Bangs the Mate [**64.**] Are liable to take the Infection — the Peoples Names are Edward Bryant Francis Lee — the Passengers Name William Edgar — The Captain informs that the Small Pox is in Quebeck as well as Mount Real, whereupon Voted, that the Vessel and People be sent down to Rainsfords Island & the following Orders were given Mr. Hartley the Keeper of the Hospital.

Boston Decemr. 4. 1769.

Mr. Samuel Hartley

Capt. Josiah Rogers of Schooner Ninety-two, from Quebeck, having one Scammel Hopkins on board with the Small Pox — The Vessel is ordered to your Island, and you must receive the Captain and others into the Wellhouse who are liable to take the Infection and the sick Person into the Hospital, and see that

the Vessel is well smoked & cleansed & kept untill further Orders.

JOSHUA HENSHAW,
JOSEPH JACKSON,
JOHN RUDDOCK,
JOHN HANCOCK,
SAMUEL PEMBERTON,
HENDERSON INCHES,
JONATHAN MASON.
Select men of Boston.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen, Decem^{r}. 6, 1769. Present, Henshaw, Jackson, Ruddock, Hancock, Pemberton, Inches, Mason.

M^{r}. Syrcombs young man appeared, also M^{r}. Harris and his Servant, the Clerk of the Market also appeared.

The following Letter or Petition was sent his Honor the Lieuten^{t}. Governor.

May it please your Honor Having found upon examination that the Small Pox prevails in Mount Royal and Quebeck, we think it our duty to acquaint your Honor therewith and to desire that [**65.**] Orders may be given the Commanding Officer at Castle William to stop all Vessels that may arrive from Cannada for an examination — We are

Your Honors
most Obedient
Hum. Serv^{ts}.
JOSHUA HENSHAW,
JOSEPH JACKSON,
JOHN RUDDOCK,
JOHN HANCOCK,
SAMUEL PEMBERTON,
HENDERSON INCHES,
JONATHAN MASON.
Selectmen of Boston.

Boston, Decem^{r}. 4, 1769.
To the Lieu^{t}. Governor.

Ordered, that the Town Clerk issue his Warrant for calling a Meeting of the Town on Friday the 8^{d} Ins^{t}. 3. OClock A.M. (*sic*).

Coll^{o}. Jackson join'd with Capt. Ruddock as a Committee on the Repairs of North Schools.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen, Decr. 7, 1769. Present, Jackson, Ruddock.

Capt. Prince Bears of Sloop Hannah from Philadelphia Reports that he left said Place fifteen Days ago, his Cargo consisting of Flour, Iron, a few Hampers of Bottles. & some Bran, that neither, himself nor his four Men have had the Small Pox and that they therefore kept out of the way of infection — where upon the Certificate was given the Captain for the Lieu^{t}. Governor of the usual tenor.

A Certificate was given Capt. Hopkins to the Lieu^{t}. Governor to permit his Schooner Ninety two to come up to Town.

[**66.**] Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen, Decem^{r}. 13, 1769. Present, Henshaw, Jackson, Ruddock, Pemberton, Inches, Mason.

M^{r}. Benjamin Henderson Collector for 1769 — presents Capt. Job Prince and M^{r}. Edward Carnes as his Bondsmen.

Voted, that they be accepted, and that the Clerk be directed to make out his Bonds accordingly.

Voted that the Clerk be directed to prepare a number of Blank Bonds, not less than twelve, to be taken of such masters of Vessels as bring in Strangers to indemnify Town and Province.

M^{r}. Gains Master of New Boston Engine applyed for the Premium of thirteen Shillings and four Pence allowed by the Town to his Company for bringing their Engine to work first upon the Fire which lately broke out at Capt. Smalls at New Boston.

Voted, that M^{r}. Gains have a draft for the Premium next Draft Day. —— drawn for.

Boston Ss: At a meeting of the Selectmen, Decem^{r}. 18, 1769. Present, Henshaw, Jackson, Ruddock, Pemberton, Mason.

Voted, that Maj^{r}. Jonathan Payson, have a Draft on the Town Treasury for the sum of One hundred & two pounds - 1 - 4½d. being the amount of his ¼ part of the Premium, for Collecting the Tax of 1765, he having produced the Town County and Province Treasurers Receipts in full for the Sum committed to him to Collect for said year — (drawn for.)

Voted, that m^{r}. Payson have his Bonds as Collector for the Year 1765, he having shown the Treasurers Receipt in full.

Boston Ss: At a meeting of the Selectmen, Decem^{r}. 20, 1769. Present, Henshaw, Jackson, Ruddock, Hancock, Pemberton, Mason.

[**67.**] Ezekiel Goldthwait Esq. Inform'd the Selectmen in writing Decem^{r}. 13. Ins^{t}. that on the 4^{t} of said December there came to live with him a young Woman named Sarah Pike, she was originally of Tewksbury but last of Roxbury, where she lived about three Months.

M^{r}. Abraham Savage having produced the Town County & Province Treasurers Receits in full for the Sum committed to him to Collect in the year 1767.

Voted, that he have a draft for the Premium on the same agreeable to a Town Vote, which amounts to £. 116 – 1. 3¾, as p. his Account drawn for.

The following Letter was sent M^{r}. Hartley ——

M^{r}. Saml Hartley

You have Represented to us that the Clothing &c. belonging to M^{r}. William Edgar who came Passenger in Capt. Rogers from Quebeck, have been so well smoked, that they may be brought off with safety, you are permitted to bring them up as also Capt. Roger's and M^{r}. Bangs's Clothing which you also Report has been

well smoked and cleansed — And if Mr. Bangs should make no complaints on Satturday next you may then permit him to come up to Boston.

Edward Bryants Clothing being also as you say smoked & cleansed they may also be sent up.

By Order of the Selectmen
WILLIAM COOPER Town Clerk.

Passed upon John Rowse Esq. his Province Account amo. to £. 10 – 5 – 6½ as by Copy on File.

Mr. Pemberton & Mason a Committee to examine the Small Pox Accounts.

[68.] Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Decemr. (27 in the margin) 1769 — Present, Jackson, Ruddock, Hancock, Pemberton, Inches, Mason.

Ordered that the Assize of Bread be set at Wheat at 5/4 p. Bushel and that 6d. p. Bushel be allowed to the Bakers for their Charges Pains & Livelihood which is computed as follows Vizt.

	lb.	oz.	dr.
A 4d. Loaf brown Bread ¾ Wheat ¼ Rye meal — must weigh - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - -	2	11	
a 4d. Ditto not above ½ Indian Meal — do. - - - -	3	12	
a Bisket of a Copper price - - - - - - - - - - -			5 – 4

Jonathan Jenkins Master of No. 3 presented John Bound as a suitable Person for his Engine Compy. in the room of William Darricut who is deceased.

Voted, that he be accepted accordingly.

Josiah Gains, master of Engine No. 6. presented George Cade & William Ross, as suitable Persons for his Engine Compy. in the room of Rigdel Oolle. decd. & Gershom Flagg removed out of Town.

Voted, that they be accepted accordingly.

Mr. Gains apply'd for the Premium allowed by the Town for bringing their Engine to play first at the Fire which lately broke out at Mrs. Pollards House, New Boston.

Voted, that he have a draft for 13/4d. for the above Premiums, —— drawn for.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen, Jany. 2d. 1770. Present, Jackson, Hancock, Mason.

[Memo. dl'd. Mr. Eliot D.D. 2 large Folio Volumes in Lattin.]

Sergeant Peavy informs that one of his Children in the Barracks at Wheelwrights Wharff, has the Eruptions of the Small Pox — Collo. Dalrimple also sent Sergeant Foster to acquaint the Selectmen with the same. Dr. Whitworth was sent & confirms its being the Small Pox.

Mr. Hartley having Reported that the Widow Searles [69.] Clothing is now sufficiently smoked & cleansed, he had liberty to bring the same up. As also Mr. Thompson his Wife & Child they being as you represent well cleansed from the Infection of the Small Pox.

Last Satturday Mr. Bangs who came in Capt. Rogers from Quebeck, had the Eruptions of the Small Pox, was sent down to Rainsfords Island.

Boston Jany. 2d. 1770

Mr. Samuel Hartley

You having Reported to us the the Clothing and other Things, belonging to Mr. Searls deceased are now well smoked & cleansed, you are permitted to bring them up to Boston; and as a Child of Sergeant Pevys is taken with the Small Pox you are to receive the same together with the mother of the Child and another Child at her Breast. As you have Reported Mr. Thompsons his Wife & child are well cleansed they may also come up.

By Order of the Select men
WILLIAM COOPER Town Clerk

P.S. Mr. Bangs was sent down by our order last Satturday with the Small Pox.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Jany. 3d. 1770. Present, Henshaw, Jackson, Ruddock, Hancock, Pemberton, Mason.

Mr. William Pope apply'd to the Select men for liberty to open a Dancing & Fencing School.

Nathan Shute an Inhabitant of Chelsea, in distressed Circumstances applys to the Select men for relief.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen, Jany. 5, 1769 (*sic*). Present, Henshaw, Jackson, Ruddock, Hancock, Pemberton, Mason.

[70.] Mr. Dolbear & Mr. Greenleaff a Commee from the Overseers informs that they have chosen Mr. Barret as their Sexton in the room of Mr. Bond, who has refused buring the Poor according to Agreement.

Mr. Barret has liberty to bury the dead from the Almshouses, at the direction of the Overseers.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen, Jany. 6, 1769 (*sic*). Present,

Capt. Leighton of Schooner Elizabeth from Philadelphia, Reports that he left that City about twenty Days ago his People all well, has nothing on board liable to retain infection, his Lading consisting of Flour & Iron.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen, Jany. 10, 1770. Present, Henshaw, Jackson, Ruddock, Hancock, Pemberton, Inches, Mason.

Voted, that the Hayweighers to be chosen shall pay for hire of the Engine £ 40 — p. Annum.

Voted, that Mr. Aaron May be & hereby is appointed to the Office of Weigher of Hay, in this Town.

Mr. Paul Farmer Keeper of the Almshouse was directed to receive into said Hospital to be supported there at the Province Charge, a number of poor & sick Persons not Inhabitants of any

Town in this Province, nor having wherewithall to support themselves, Viz^{t}

1769 — Octo^{r}. 21- John Spooner
Novr. 29- Daniel Thompson
Octo^{r}. 20- Mary Gorman
Octo^{r}. 3- Mary Beacham
Novem^{r}. 13- James Martin (a man)
Septem^{r}. 1- James Benningham

[**71.**] Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen, Jany. 24, 1770 — Present, Henshaw, Jackson, Ruddock, Hancock.

M^{r}. Paul Farmer Keeper of the Almshouse was directed to receive into said Hospital one George Carpenter a Stranger & not an Inhabitant of any Town in this Province nor having wherewithall to support himself, the Order was signed by Coll. Henshaw & M^{r}. Mason.

Boston Ss: At a Meetng of the Selectmen, Jany. 29, 1770 A.M. Present, Henshaw, Jackson, Ruddock, Hancock, Inches.

M^{r}. Hartley Keeper of the Hospital at Rainsfords Island, attended at the Selectmens Chamber, and Reports, that M^{r}. Bangs who has had the Small Pox and a Negro belonging to M^{r}. Edgar, have been so well smoked and cleansed that provided a fresh shift is sent down to them, they may leave the Island without danger of communicating the Infection.

whereupon a Letter was wrote M^{r}. Hartley by Order of the Select men permitting them to leave the Island as soon as they receive their Clothes.

It having been suggested by M^{r}. Edgar that he had lost part of a Box of Goods, which was landed at Rainsfords Island, vizt.— 7 pr. of Goods — Enquiry was made into this matter, when it appeared to the Select men, that M^{r}. Hartley the Keeper of the Hospital, was entirely clear, and that it was very suspicious whether any more Goods had been in the Package than M^{r}. Bryant who was sent down with Trunks by M^{r}. Edgar to receive & take account of his Goods, had made a return of —

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen, Jany. 29, 1770. P.M. Present, Henshaw, Jackson, Hancock, Pemberton, Inches.

Ordered, that the Assize of Bread be set at Wheat at 5/4^{d}. p. Bushel & that 6^{d}. p. Bushel be allowed to the Bakers for their Charges, Pains & Livelihood which is comput^{d}. as follows vizt.

	lb.	oz.	dr.
A 4^{d}. Loaf brown Bread $\frac{3}{4}$ Wheat $\frac{1}{4}$ Rye meal must weigh	2 –	11 –	
A 4^{d}. Ditto not above $\frac{1}{2}$ Indian Meal - - - - - - - -	3 –	12 –	
A Bisket of a Copper price - - - - - - - - - - - - -		5 –	4

[**72.**] M^{r}. Samuel Prat appeared and acquainted the Selectmen that he had brought to them from Chelsea one William Dix, as belonging to Boston — but the Select men refused receiving them, unless he had produced a Warrent for the removal, which the

Selectmen of Boston expected from the Selectmen of Chelsea, as a measure which the Law points out.

Boston Jany. 29, 1770.

Gentlemen

This is to acquaint you that one Nathan Shute a poor Man belonging to your Town is now in Town, and in so distressed a situation, that we are obliged to supply him with some necessaries, for the amount of which we shall apply to you for a discharge.

By Order of the Select men
WILLIAM COOPER Town Clerk

To,
the Gentlemen the Select men
of Chelsea.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen, Jany. 31, 1770. Present, Henshaw, Jackson, Hancock, Inches, Mason.

Ordered, that M^r. Samuel Hartley have a draft on the Town Treasury for £.51-13-4

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen, Feby. 7, 1770. Present, Henshaw, Jackson, Ruddock, Pemberton, Inches, Mason.

M^r. Paul Farmer Keeper of the Almshouse was directed Decem^r. 25, to receive into the Almshouse on the Province Account one Priscilla Kinnigher a sick Stranger not an Inhabitant of any Town in this Province nor having wherewithall to support herself — the Order was signed by two of the Select men, Coll. Jackson & M^r. Mason — & Thomas Tyler Esq. an Overseer

[**73.**] M^r. Sam Sprague & Samuel Pratt two of the Select men of Chelsea appeared and informed the Select men that they had brought over one William Dix, who was sent to them by a Warrant some time since — The Selectmen finding that he was not returned by a Warrant, absolutely refused to receive him in any other way, and informed them that if he was left in this Town. they should apply to Chelsea for to defray any charge that he may occasion.

M^r. Thomas Curtis is desired by the Select men to take care of the Town Bulls, they having been well informed, that said Bulls have been neglected

Coll Jackson & M^r. Mason a Committee on M^rs. Bookers Legacy to poor Widows, and they are desired to bring the Executors of said M^rs. Bookers Will to an immediate Settlement.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen, Feby. 9, 1770. Present, Henshaw, Jackson, Ruddock, Hancock, Pemberton, Inches, Mason.

The Comm^ee. to wait upon M^r. John Winslow, respecting M^rs. Brooker Legacys Report that they had seen M^r. Winslow, who was indisposed and that he had assured them, the Selectmen may depend upon his settling with the Judge of Probate so soon as he is well enough to go abroad.

Coll. Jackson & M^r. Mason a Committee to inspect the South Battery, and Report what may be necessary to be done.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen & Justices — Feby. 14, 1770. Present, Henshaw, Jackson, Hancock, Pemberton, Mason.

A Walk or Visitation of the Town Agreed upon Feby. 14', as p. Account of particulars on file.

[74.] Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen, Feby. 14, 1770. Present, Henshaw, Jackson, Pemberton, Inches, Mason.

The following was sent the Assessors —

Gentlemen,

It is our Opinion that the following Persons Inhabitants of other Towns in this Province, ought to be taxed here for the Real Estate they Occupy, and the business they do here it being agreeable to Law — Vizt.

James Russell Esq.
Ralph Inman Esq.
Joseph Palmer & Comy.
John Boreland Esq.

We are Gentlemen
Your hum. servants
JOSHUA HENSHAW
JOSEPH JACKSON
JOHN RUDDOCK
JOHN HANCOCK
HENDERSON INCHES
JONATHAN MASON
Select men of Boston

To,
The Assessors of the Town of Boston
Boston, Decemr. 28, 1769

Mr. Wm. Putman Master of Engine No. 4 put in his Claim for the Premium allowed by the Town for bringing their Engine to work first at the Fire which lately broke out at Mr. Edes House near William Bullfinches —— drawn for.

Voted, that he have a Draft next Draft Day.

Passed upon Mr. Hancocks Province Accot. amounting as p. Copy on file to £. 12. 12

Mr. Samuel Adams a late Collector of Taxes having produced his Receipts from the Province Treasurer. that he had paid the Sum, Voted by the Town as satisfactiory for the demand made upon him for the balance due.

[75.] It was Voted, by the Selectmen, that the Town Clerk deliver him up the Bond, taken from him as a Collector.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen, Feby. 19, 1770. Present

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen, Feby. 21, 1770. Present, Henshaw, Jackson, Hancock, Pemberton, Inches, Mason.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen, Feby. 26, 1770. Present, Jackson, Ruddock, Pemberton, Mason.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen, Feby. 27, 1770. Present, Henshaw, Jackson, Ruddock, Hancock, Pemberton, Mason.

Ordered that the Assize of Bread be set at Wheat at 5/4^{d}. p. Bushel and that 6^{d}. p. bushel be allowed to the Bakers for their Charges Pains & Livelihood which is computed as follows, vizt.

	lb.	oz.	dr.
a 4^{d}. Loaf brown Bread $\frac{3}{4}$ Wheat $\frac{1}{4}$ Rye meal must weigh - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - -	2	11	–
a 4^{d}. d^{o}. not above $\frac{1}{2}$ Indian meal - - - - - - -	3	12	
a Bisket of a Copper price - - - - - - - - - -		5	4

M^{r}. Follings and Eyres offer as Carpenters to make what Carriages are wanting for the South Batterys at £4 p. Carriage exclusive of Iron work and painting, and Thomas Crafts Junr. to do the painting, & Deacon Boynton the Iron work.

Passed upon M^{r}. Paul Farmers Province Accounts amounting to £.374-10-9$\frac{1}{4}$ & £.29- 8/ as p. Copys on File.

Thomas Bracket approved as a Taverner in the House on the Neck, called the Kings Arms formerly the George Tavern, lately kept by M^{rs}. Bowdine.

M^{r}. Hancock and M^{r}. Mason a Comm^{ee}. to get a passage to Hallifax for one Mary French & 2 Children & for Katharine Cuff & Child & Jane Tollman & Child.

[76.] Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen, March 1^{s}. 1770. Present, Henshaw, Jackson, Ruddock, Hancock, Pemberton, Mason.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen, March 7, 1770. Present, Henshaw, Jackson, Ruddock, Hancock, Pemberton, Mason.

——— that the Town Clerk issue a Warrant for a Town Meeting to be called on Monday next being the 12 Instant at 9. OClock, A.M.

Voted, that ——— have the printing of the Notifications for the ensuing Town Meeting.

a Comm^{ee}. to wait on ——— to desire him to open the ensuing Town Meeting with prayer.

The Order of Justices & Plan of New Street in Paddys Alley was delivered M^{r}. Goldthwait, by order of Select men.

Voted, that Coll^{o}. Henshaw, Coll^{o}. Jackson, & Maj^{r}. Ruddock be a Comm^{ee}. to wait upon the Lieu^{t}. Governor & inform him that from sundry Reports and other Circumstances, the Inhabitants are still apprehensive of danger from the Soldier in the Night season & therefor, to desire that he will take such order as he may think necessary for the safety of the Town,

Committee Reported, that they had waited on Lieu. Governor & proposed a Military Watch but that he declined acting upon it so far as to order a military Watch as it would be Reported on the other side of the Water that he had raised the Militia to drive the Soldiers out of the Town, and that it was his Opinion that Coll^{o}.

Jackson of the Boston Regiment is impowered by Law to appoint a Watch & that he was very willing it should be done but that he would see Coll°. Dalrymple & inquire of him, the grounds of those Reports, and that he would desire him to give such Orders relative to both Regiments, either by confining them to their Barracks or disarming them, or in any other way to prevent disturbances.

Boston Ss: At the Meeting of the Selectmen, march 14, 1770. Present, Ruddock, Hancock, Inches, Mason.

[77.] Boston, Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen, March 21, 1770. Present, Henshaw, Jackson, Ruddock, Inches, Mason.

Mr. Bass a Sealer of Leather had two Hammers dl'd. him.

Ordered, that the Town Clerk issue his Warrt. for a Town Meeting on Thursday 3. O.Clock P.M.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen, march 26, 1770. Present, Henshaw, Jackson, Mason.

Ordered. that the Assize of Bread be set at Wheat at 5/4d. p. Bushel and that 6d. p. Bushel be allowed to the Bakers for their Charges Pains & Livelihood, which is computed as follows, Vizt. —

	lb.	oz.	dr.
A 4d. Loaf brown Bread ¾ Wheat ¼ Rye Meal, must weigh - - - - - - - - - - - - - -	2–	11–	
a 4d. Ditto not above ½ Indian - - - - - - - -	3–	12–	
a Bisket of a Copper price - - - - - - - - -		5–	4

Boston Ss: A a Meeting of the Selectmen March 28, 1770. Present, Henshaw, Jackson, Mason.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen, March 31, 1770. Present, Henshaw, Jackson, Ruddock, Mason.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen, April 2d. 1770. Present, Henshaw, Jackson, Ruddock, Hancock, Pemberton, Inches, Mason.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen, April 4t. 1770. Present, Henshaw, Jackson, Pemberton, Mason.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen, April 9, 1770. Present, Henshaw, Jackson, Pemberton, Inches, Mason.

[78.] Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen April 11, 1770. Present, Henshaw, Jackson, Pemberton, Inches, Mason.

Mr. John Kneeland informs that he had taken into his House about 12 Days ago one Mary Mors from Cambridge.

Mr. Samuel Pratt inform'd March 12, that he had taken on Deer Island one Jonathan Knoxe of Malden his Wife & Children, Jonathan, Honor, Elizabeth, Jemima Isabella Joseph Stephen.

A Commcc. of the Overseers inform that one Priscilla Hayden

came from Braintree about 9 years past & was taken into the Family of Deacon Storer & was never warned out of Town, — & desire to know who is to defray the charge on her & children.

Cap. Curtis of Engine N°. 8. presents Abijah Crane for an Engine Man in the room of William Moore Junr. who was accepted accordingly.

Coll° Henshaw received of John Grant £. 14, for one Years Interest of Monys being part of M^r. Brookers Donation ending 23^d. March last.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen, April 18, 1770. Present, Henshaw, Jackson, Pemberton, Inches, Mason.

Capt. William Sutton of Engine N°. 7. presented Thomas Pattin as a suitable man for his Engine Comp^y in the room of John Burrill deceased, and he was accordingly accepted.

M^r. Paul Farmer was directed to receive into the Alms house on the Province Account on Dorothy Williams, the Order signed by m^r. Pemberton & M^r. Mason.

Capt. Ichabod Jones apply'd for leave to open a Drain at his House in Cross Street.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen, April 25, 1770 Present, Henshaw.

[**79.**] Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen, April 30, 1770. Present, Jackson, Pemberton, Hancock, Inches, Mason.

Ordered, that the Assize of Bread be set at Wheat at 3/4d. p. Bushel and that Six Pence be allowed to the Bakers, for their Charges Pains and Livelihood which is computed as follows vizt.

	lb.	oz.	dr.
a 4^d Loaf Brown Bread ¾ Wheat ¼ Rye Meal, must weigh	2 –	11 –	
a 4^d. Ditto not above ½ Indian Meal - - - - - -	3 –	12 –	
a Bisket of a Copper price - - - - - - - - - -		5 –	4

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen, May 2^d. 1770. Present, Jac——, Hancock, Pemberton, Inches, Mason.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen, May 4, 1770. Present, Henshaw, Jackson, Hancock, Mason.

A Precept having been received for the calling a Town Meeting for the choice of Representatives.

Voted that the Town Clerk issue a Warrant for the Town Meeting on Tuesday next 9. O.Clock A.M.

Coll. Henshaw and M^r. Mason a Committee to wait upon D^r. Chauncey, and desire him to open the ensueing Town Meeting with Prayer.

Voted, that Mess^r. Fleets have the printing of Notifications for the ensuing Town Meeting.

M^r. Hancock motions that he have liberty for putting down Posts round his Estate on Tremount Street.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen, May 9, 1770. Present, Henshaw, Jackson, Hancock, Pemberton, Inches, Mason.

Mr. Ridgway, pray'd leave to open a Common Shore [80.] In Cambridge Street.

Mr. Paul Farmer was directed to receive into the Alms house on the Province Acco^t. one George Gardner a Poor Person; not an Inhabitant, nor having wherewithall to support himself.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen, May 10, 1770. Present, Jackson, Hancock, Pemberton.

Sir,

We have the honor of transmitting to you by the Order of the Town an attested Copy of a Vote passed unanimously at their late annual Meeting.

You'l allow us to express our warmest wishes for the recovery of your Health and that the Community as well as all North America may long enjoy the benefit of your public Services.

We are Sir
with the greatest esteem
Your most obed^t.
Hum. Serv^ts
JOSHUA HENSHAW
JOSEPH JACKSON
JOHN HANCOCK
SAMUEL PEMBERTON
JONATHAN MASON

The Honble. James Otis Esq.

Boston May 10, 1770.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen, May 14, 1770. Present, Henshaw, Jackson, Pemberton, Inches, Mason.

Capt. Symms of Ship John Galley from London which he left 24' March Reports, That about twelve days after he left London one Isaac Stevens a Seaman belonging to Milton, began to complain and soon after the Small Pox appeared upon him. [81.] He had it full, but was as well as could be expected during the continuance of the Distemper & about fourteen Days ago he was able to walk the Decks — That he had taken all possible care to clean the Vessel & prevent a communication of the Small Pox to the Goods on board, That he has no Goods between Decks, but a few Boxes of Lemmons some Chests of Oyle, and a few hhds. of merchandize — all his Hemp is in the Hold & Hatchway &^c. well caulked — that he has only one Hand on board to have the Distemper whose name is John Welch — The Captain says in excuse for his coming up to Boston, that he did not know that there was a Law obliging him to inform that he had had the Small Pox on board as the Person taken with it was well, & he was not required of at the Castle, whether he had had any Distemper on board.

Voted, that the said Ship be ordered to Rainsfords Island under the care of Samuel Hartley, there to remain untill further Orders — and that the following Letter be sent Mr. Hartley.

Mr. Samuel Hartley

This will be handed to you by Capt. Symms of the Ship John Galley from London which has had the Small Pox on board — you are therefore directed to receive the Person who had the Distemper and the one who is liable to take it; what Things are between Decks will be put on Shore when they are to be thoroughly aired and cleansed, and you must well smoke and cleanse the Vessel, and everything you imagine likely to have any Infection — You'l Report to us your proceedure, when you may expect to receive our further Orders —

JOSHUA HENSHAW
JOSEPH JACKSON
SAMUEL PEMBERTON
HEN. INCHES
JON. MASON

P.S. The Lemmons may be first smoked & then aired upon Deck without putting them on shore.

[82.] Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen. May 17, 1770. Present, Henshaw, Jackson, Hancock, Pemberton, Inches, Mason.

Mr. Hartley Reports that he had followed the directions of the Selectmen, in cleansing & smoking Capt. Symms's Ship, and that she might now come up with safety to the Inhabitants. whereupon the following Letter was sent Mr. Hartley

Boston May 16, 1770

Mr. Samuel Hartley

You having Reported to us that the Ship John Galley is now so well smoked and cleansed that she may come up with safety, Our Orders are that you receive out of the said Ship all the Clothing Beds & Bedding belonging to the People and air them on shore, and receive into the House on the Island the Person who had the Small Pox on board, also the Person who is liable to the Distemper and detain them with you, as also the Clothing &c. untill our further Orders, when the People and Clothing are on shore the Ship may come up to Town —

By Order of the Select men
WILLIAM COOPER Town Clerk.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen, May 23, 1770. — Present, Henshaw, Ruddock, Hancock, Pemberton.

Mr. Farmer was permitted to let a Soldiers Wife leave the Almshouse.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen, May 28, 1770 A.M. Present, Henshaw, Jackson, Ruddock, Hancock, Pemberton, Mason.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen, May 28, 1770. P.M.

Ordered, that the Assize of Bread be set at Wheat at 5/4 p. Bushel & that 6d. p. Bushel be allowed to the Bakers for their Charges Pains & Livelihood which is computed as follows, vizt.

	lb.	oz.	dr.
a 4d. Loaf Brown Bread ¾ Wheat ¼ Rye meal must weigh	2–	11–	
a 4d. ditto not above ½ Indian - -do. - - - - - -	3–	12–	
a Bisket of a Copper price - - - - - - - - - -		5–	4

[83.] Mr. Paul Farmer was directed to receive into the Almshouse on the Province Account, one John Kaycas (?) a sick Stranger who is not an Inhabitant of any Town in this Province neither has he wherewithall to support himself. Order signed by Coll. Henshaw and Collo. Jackson, Select men & the Honble. Royal Tyler, an Overseer.

Mr. Edward Hollyday presented his Town & County Treasurers Receits for the money Collected by him for 1768, where upon Voted, that he have a draft for his Premium at the rates Voted by the Town amounting in the whole to £. 74– 7d.

Ordered, that the Town Clerk deliver Mr. Hollyday his Bonds for 1768.

Voted, that Mr. Hartley permit one John Welch who came in Capt. Symms, to come up to Boston, he having Reported that there is no danger of Infection & the Clerk directed to write Mr. Hartley accordingly.

A Draft order'd for Mr. Cooper Clerk, for £. 20 ——

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen, June 2d., 1770. Present, Henshaw, Jackson, Pemberton, Mason.

A Precept having been directed to the Selectmen by the Honble. Thomas Cushing Esq. Speaker, for the choosing a Person to represent this Town in the General Assembly the present Sessions in the room of the Honble. James Bowdoin Esq. elected into his Majestys Council.

Voted that the Town Clerk issue a Warrt. for a Town Meeting on Wednesday the 6t. Day of June Inst.

Voted, that Coll. Jackson & Mr. Pemberton be a Committee to wait upon Revd. Mr. Pemberton & desire him to open the Meeting with prayer.

Voted, that Messrs. Edes & Gill have the printing of the Notifications for the ensuing Town Meeting.

[84.] Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen, June 6 1770. — Present, Jackson, Pemberton.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen, June 12, 1770. — Present, Jackson, Ruddock, Mason.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen, June 20, 1770 — Present, Honble. J. Henshaw Esq., Jackson, Pemberton, Inches, Mason.

Mr. Paul Farmer was directed to receive into the Almshouse on the Province Accot. one Mary Joyce & her Child being a Stranger & not an Inhabitant of any Town in this Province, nor having wherewithall to support herself. Order signed by Joseph Jackson & Jonathan Mason, Selectmen, and John Gore Overseer.

Passed upon Dr. Myles Whitworths Province Account amounting to £30 – 12/ as p. Accot. to be put on file.

Passed upon Dr. Samuel Danforths Province accot. amt. to £. 18– 13– 4-- as p. Accot. to be put on file.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen, June 27th. 1770. Present, Joseph Jackson Esq., Joshua Henshaw, Esqr., Mr. Henderson Inches, Jona. Mason, Samuel Pemberton Esq., John Ruddock Esq., John Hancock Esq.

Voted, that Joshua Henshaw Esq. Joseph Jackson Esq. & Jona. Mason be a Committee for Building a Wharf at the Province Hospitall at West Boston.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen, June — 1770.

Voted, that there be a visitation of the Free Schools in this Town on Wednesday the 4t. of July next, & that the following Gentlemen be invited to accompany the Selectmen therein, and that they be notified to attend at the Selectmens Chamber at 8. OClock in the morning [85.] of said Day, in order to proceed on the visitation

Thomas Hutchinson
The Honble John Irving
James Bowdoin
Thomas Hubbard
Harrison Gray
Royal Tyler
James Pitts
John Temple Esq.
Thomas Temple Esq.
Thomas Cushing
Andrew Oliver
The Representatives of the Town
The Overseers of the Poor
Richard Dana Esq.
William Phillips Esq.
Mr. Gilbert Harrison
Doctor Warren
Capt. Heath } Artillery Co.
Lieut. Martin Gay } Artillery Co.
Ensign Clark } Artillery Co.
Revd. Mr. John Morehead
Andrew Crosswell
Mr. Stillman
Ezekiel Goldthwait Esq.
Mr. Edward Payne
John Scollay Esq.
The Revd. Charles Chauncy D.D.
Mather Byles DD.
Andrew Eliot D.D.
Samuel Cooper D.D.
Ebenr. Pemberton
Samuel Mather
Penuel Bowen
Simeon Howard
Mr. Rufus Green
Capt. John Bradford
Mr. Timothy Fitch
Capt. Onesips. Tileston
Mr. Benjamin Eustis
Nathaniel Balston Esq.
Mr. Thomas Grenough
Mr. Joshua Blanchard
Benjamin Austin Esq.
Capt. Phillips
Isaac Smith Esq.
Thomas Gray Esq.
John Rowe Esq.
Mr. Henry Liddel

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen, July 7, 1770.— Present, Henshaw, Jackson, Ruddock, Hancock, Pemberton, Inches, Mason.

Ordered, that the Assize of Bread be set at Wheat at 5/4 p. Bushel and that Six Pence p. Bushel be allowed to the Bakers for their Charges Pains & Livelihood, which is computed as follows vizt.

	lb.	oz.	dr.
a 4d. Loaf Brown Bread ¾ Wheat ¼ Rye meal must weigh - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - -	2	11	–
a 4d. ditto, not above ½ Indian meal - - - - - -	3	12	–
a Bisket of a Copper price - - - - - - - - - -		5	–4

Voted, that the Town Clerk issue a Warrant for a Town Meeting Tuesday next being the 10' Inst. 9. O'Clock A.M.

Voted, that Messrs. Edes and Gill have the printing of the Notifications.

[86.] Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen, July 25, 1770. Present, Jackson, Pemberton, Mason, Inches, Ruddock.

Boston Ss; At a Meeting of the Selectmen, July 30, 1770. Present, Jackson, Ruddock, Pemberton, Inches, Mason.

The Select men direct that Mr. Ruggles have all his Bonds to three years — Mr. Salters for the year 1768 & before Mr. Savages to the year 1768

Voted at a Meeting, that William White have a draft in pt. for paving, for £. 15.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Aug. 1st, 1770. Present, Jackson, Ruddock, Hancock, Pemberton, Mason.

passed upon several accounts.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen, Aug. 6, 1770. Present, Jackson, Ruddock, Hancock, Pemberton, Inches, Mason.

Collo. Jackson & Majr. Ruddock, a Commee to examine into the Circumstances of Dock Square.

List of Persons Licensed on file.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Augt. 8, 1770. Present, Jackson, Ruddock, Hancock, Pemberton, Inches.

An Order was pass'd Sign'd by Mr. Hancock & Mr. Pemberton to Mr. Paul Farmer to Receive into the Almshouse Jack & Edwd Dunn Two Children & take care of them — & the Selectmen will hereafter determine whether they are to be at the Expense of the Province or Town.

An order pass'd Sign'd by Mr. Hancock & Mr. Inches to Mr. Paul Farmer to Receive into the Almshouse on the Province accots. Mary Mc.Carthy a poor person in distress'd Circumstances, & not an Inhabitant of any Town in this Province.

Ordere'd that the Town Clerk be directed to make out a Lease of the Town's Land or Buildings on Boston Neck North side for five years to Mr. Enoch Brown to Commence 25 March Last 1770.

(Clerk out of Town on publick Business.)

[87.] Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen, Augst 10, 1770. Present, Jackson. Ruddock, Hancock, Pemberton.

Upon a Petition Sign'd by Sundry Inhabitants of Boston, praying that the Freeholders & others Inhabitants of the Town of Boston may be conven d to Take into Consideration the Expedi-

ency of widening & Enlarging the Passage way leading from the North part of Faneuil Hall Market, into Ann Street &c.

It was Voted that a Warrant be Issued for Assembling the Inhabitants on Monday next 13 Ins^{t}. 1 o'Clock P.M.

Voted that Messrs. Fleets have the printing the Notifications.

(mem^{o}. the Town Clerk was out of Town on public Business.)

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Aug. 15, 1770. Present, Jackson, Hancock, Mason.

Ordered, that the Assize of bread be set at Wheat at 5/4 p. bushel and that 6^{d}. p. Bushel be allowed to the Bakers for their Charges pains and Livelihood, which is computed as follows Viz^{t}.

	lb.	oz.	dr.
A 4^{d}. Loaf Brown Bread $\frac{3}{4}$ Wheat $\frac{1}{4}$ Rye Meal must weigh -	2–	11–	
A 4^{d}. d^{o}. not above $\frac{1}{2}$ Indian Meal must weigh - - -	3–	12	
Bisket of a Copper price - - - - - - - - - - - - - -		5–	4

William M^{c}.faddin appointed to the care of of the South Burying place till further Orders.

Ordered that the Town Clerk be directed to issue a Warrant for a Town Meeting on Monday the 20^{t} Ins^{t}. 3. O'Clock P.M.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen, Augt. 22^{d}., 1770. Present, Jackson, Ruddock, Pemberton, Mason.

Mary Walker an indigent sick Woman sent to the Almshouse on the Province Charge July 25, 1770

Signed by Joseph Jackson & Samuel Pemberton.

Boston Ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen, Augt. 23^{d}., 1770. Present, Jackson, Ruddock, Hancock, Inches.

[88.] Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen, Augt. 27 1770. Present, Jackson, Ruddock, Pemberton, Hancock.

Hannah Simpson a poor sick Stranger was sent to the Almshouse on the Province Charge the 6^{t} of August Instant.

Order to M^{r}. Farmer to receive her signed by Coll. Jackson & Major Ruddock.

Ordered, that the Assize of Bread be set at Wheat 5/ 4 p. bushel and that 6^{d}. p. Bushel be allowed to the Bakers for their Charges Pains and Livelihood, which is computed as follows. Viz^{t}.

	lb.	oz.	dr.
A 4^{d}. Loaf Brown Bread $\frac{3}{4}$ Wheat $\frac{1}{4}$ Rye Meal, must weigh	2–	11–	
A 4^{d}. ditto not above $\frac{1}{2}$ Indian meal must weigh	3–	12–	
A Bisket of a Copper Price		5–	4

Passed upon John Fosters Province Account amounting in the whole to £.1–4–4– as p. Copy of the Account on file

M^{r}. Burdick Constable of the Dock Watch applys to the Selectmen for some Repairs to the Watch House

Coll. Jackson and M^{r}. Hancock a Comm^{ee} to order the necessary Repairs.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen, August 29, 1770. Present, Jackson, Ruddock, Hancock, Pemberton, Inches.

Coll. Jackson & Mr. Ruddock a Committee to order some Repairs to the Hospital at New Boston.

Voted, that John Hutchinson have a draft for 2.15, in pt. of Paving Works Agreed at the rate of 6/ p. yard they to dig up the old Pavements, and to lay the new Pavements.

Voted, that the Town Clerk have a draft on the Treasurer for £.20.

Passed upon Ebenezer Wales's Province Accot. amt. to £.3. 12/ as p. Copy of Account on File.

Passed upon Bowles & Leechs's Province Accot. amt. to £.1. 06, as p. Copy of Accot. on File.

[89.] Mr. Jenkins of Engine No. 3. presents Nathaniel Tidmarsh as an Engine Man for his Company in the room of Henry Leadbetter who has left the Town.

Voted, that Mr. Tidmarsh be accepted as an Engine man in said Company.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen, Septemr. 3d., 1770. Present Jackson, Ruddock, Hancock, Pemberton, Inches.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Septemr. 5, 1770. Present.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Septemr. 11, 1770. Present, Jackson, Ruddock, Hancock, Inches, Mason.

Passed upon Samuel Hartleys Province Accountt. amounting to £. 21 – 121 – as p. Copy on file.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Septemr. 17, 1770. Present, Jackson, Ruddock, Hancock, Inches, Mason.

Voted, that the Town Clerk issue a Warrant for convening the Inhabitants in Faneuil Hall on Thursday the 20′ Instt. 3 O'Clock P.M.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen, Septemr. 19, 1770. Present, Ruddock, Hancock, Pemberton.

Mr. Samuel Breck took on hire the Store belonging to the Town, situated opposite the Golden Ball, lately let to Mr. Gardner.

Thomas Uran of Engine No. 4 appointed Master of said Engine in the room of Mr. Putnam and the Clerk is directed to make out his Orders.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen, Septemr. 24, 1770. Present, Jackson, Ruddock, Henshaw, Pemberton, Mason.

Ordered, that the Assize of Bread be set at Wheat at 5 / p. bush; & that 6d. p. bushel be allowed to the Bakers for their Charges Pains & livelihood which is computed as follows, Vizt.

	lb.	oz.	dr.
a 4d. Loaf Brown Bread ¾ Wheat ¼ Rye meal must weigh	2	11	–
a 4d. Ditto not above ½ Indian meal must weigh -	3	12	–
a Bisket of a Copper price - - - - -		4	–15

[**90.**] Mr. Paul Farmer was directed to receive into the Alms house to be supported at the Province Charge one Michael Sommers a sick Person not an Inhabitant of any Town in this Province nor having where withall to support herself (*sic*). Selectmen, Coll. Jackson & Mr. Pemberton.

Mr. Paul Farmer was directed the 5′ of Septemr. last to receive into the Almshouse on the Province Charge one Mary Gorman a sick Woman not an Inhabitant of any Town in this Province nor having wherewithall to support herself.

Passed, upon Mr. Paul Farmers Province Accounts amounting to £. 364–5–8½ & £. 28–5–7½–as p. Copys on file.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen, Septemr. 26, 1770. Present, Henshaw, Jackson, Pemberton, Inches, Mason.

Mary Maccarty now in the Alms house with her Infant Child, having applied to the Selectmen for some assistance in her return to Canada by Land. Voted that she have Six Dollars advanced to her on the Province Account.

Mr. Paul Farmer was directed the 3d. Inst. to receive into the Alms house on the Province Charge a Child named George Son of John Porbis a Grenadier of the 14′ Regiment and on the 22d. Inst.′ he was directed to receive Francis Mc. Daniel, a poor Stranger, neither being Inhabitants of any Town in this Province nor having wherewithall to support themselves.

Mess. Torrey and Bass two of the Town Tanners appeared and complained that the Butchers who Lease Stalls in the Market, have not complied with the Conditions of their Leace by withholding the Hides of the Cattle brought into the Market.

The Selectmen having been informed, that it was Reported, that the Soldiers at Castle William have a bad Fever among them & that the Sick are sent up to the Hospital in the Common, Mr. Williston was directed to desire Dr. Hall Surgeon of the Regimt. to attend the Selectmen.

[**91.**] Upon application made by Mr. Hartley Keeper of the Hospital at Rainsfords Island, that some-Repairs may be ordered for the House.

Mr. Honnywell was directed to go down and also Mr. Tod, to see what was necessary to be done of Carpenters & Masons work.

Mr. Giles Brewer Junr. appointed one of the Compy. for Engine No. 4 in the room of Mr. Putman the late Master and Thomas Uran is appointed Master.

Bost. Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen, Septemr. 29, 1770. Present, Jackson, Ruddock, Inches, Mason,

Mr. Thomas Parker entered a Complaint against Mr. Samuel Holbrook master of the South Writing School, for giving his Son as he says an unreasonable Correction.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen, October 1, 1770. Present Jackson, Pemberton.

Dr. Benjamin Church informs that a Child at Nurse at one Rexs's at Wheelers Point, has what he apprehends to be the

Small Pox whereupon Dr. Whitworth was desired to examine the Child who accordingly did it and Reported, that it was his Opinion the Child had not the Small Pox.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen, Octor. 3d. 1770. Present, Jackson, Ruddock, Pemberton, Inches.

Mr. John Field applys for liberty to put down a Sign Post against his House in Corn Hill.

Mr. Hunniwell who went to view the Hospital at Rainsfords Island Reports, That the back Cellar should be taken down 18 feet & rebuilt, the Chimnies to be plaster'd round from the Roof to the Garret Floor — the backs of several Chimnies & Harths want mending — & that the Walls want white washing & ye wing to be rebuilt. Garrets to be painted.

Mr. Tod Reports, that the Barn wants shingling on both sides — the Well House on one side wants shingling & the Clap board mending — an out side Door to the Well house & one Window — a pair Cellar Doors for the Well house — Necessary House Repairs — Small Jobs inside the House — Water Tables round the Walls — Wheather Boards — [**92.**] Repairs for Hospital House — two pr. Cellar Doors, Spouts at North side of the House — one Trunk — 4 Sashes & Glasing — Ware house wants battening — Frame wants brasing — Water Tables for Hospital — Shingling to be mended — Rails for Turret, & a Scuttle — a Pump wants 12 feet — Centry Doors to be mended — Garden Fences to be mended — Platform of the Wharff to be mended — Sundry odd Jobs inside the House — a Trench upon back of the House.

Mr. Todd & Mr. Hunniwell were directed to go to Rainsfords Island and perform the necessary works.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen, October 10, 1770. Present, Jackson, Ruddock, Pemberton, Inches, Mason.

Passed upon William Todds Province Account, for the Repairs of Hospital at New Boston, amounting as p. Copy of Account on file — to £. 146–0–9½–

The Town Clerk was directed agreeable to a Vote of the Town to issue Notifications (a Warrt. to the Constable to dispense them) of the Adjournment of their late Meeting and the Business then to come before the Town.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen, October 13, 1770. Present, Messrs. Jackson, Ruddock, Pemberton.

The Tanners appeared when the Butchers who hold Stalls in the Market, were sent for by the Select men, to answer to the Complaints of the Tanners, that they had witheld from them the Hydes they were obliged by their leases to Supply them with. — when the Bouchers promissed to make good the Hydes & Bryant that he would keep the Market clear.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen, October 17, 1770. Present, Jackson, Ruddock, Mason.

Mr. Ruddock motioned that the Selectmen would view Mr.

Atkins's Wall now carrying up on Middle Street, as it is apprehensive that he had incroached upon the Street.

Mr. Enoch Brown is directed to order the spreading of Stones on both sides of the Neck.

[93.] Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen, Octo^r. 24, 1770. Present, Jackson, Ruddock, Pemberton, Mason.

Application made by Mr. Hunt, Mr. Bulfinch, Mr. Goldthwait & Mr. Thayer, that they may have the Sealing of Wood on those Wharffs, which were assigned the late Mr. Gardner.

Mr. Abigail Stoneman applys to the Selectmen for leave to open a Coffe house at Mr. Stones Tavern and also for their approbation of her as a Tavern keeper in said House called the Royal Exchange Tavern.

Dr. Noyes applys for liberty to open a Drain from his own House into the Common Shore — Liberty granted upon the usual terms.

Mr. Hall Wharfinger complains to the Selectmen, that the High Way near Mr. Hollowells Ship Yard, is become almost impassable.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen, Oct. 29th; 1770. Present, Henshaw, Ruddock, Pemberton, Inches.

Ordered that the Assize of Bread be set at Wheat at 3/8 p. bushel and that 6d. p. Bushel be allowed to the Bakers for their Charges, Pains and Livelihood which is computed as follows, Vizt.

	lb.	oz.	dr.
a 4d. Loaf Brown Bread ¾ Wheat ¼ Rye meal, must weigh -	2	– 11	
a 4d. ditto not above ½ Indian Meal must weigh -	3	– 12	
a Bisket of a Copper prices - - - - - - - - - - - - - -			4 – 15

Capt. Ruddock appointed to order Repairs to the North Watch House.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen, Octo^r. 31, 1770. Present, Ruddock, Pemberton, Inches, Mason.

Mr. Payne, Miller applys to the Selectmen for liberty to open his Drain before his House in Back Street, Liberty was granted upon the usual terms.

Mr. Sharp master of Engine No. 2, applys for the Premium allowed by the Town for bringing his Engine to work first on the Fire at a House in Charter Street last Fast Day:

Voted, that he have a draft for his Premium.

[94.] Agreed with the Proprietors of the Grist Mills that the Pavement adjoining the Draw Bridge shall be taken up and raised near the Draw Bridge, and if it shall appear that the Proprietors, are to pay such Charges. Deacon Tudor engaged for them with the Selectmen that it should be done.

Mr. Baker and also Capt. Green apply'd to the Selectmen for Mr. Gordens place of Sealer of Wood.

Mr. Parker apply'd to the Select men for the place of Sealer of Wood in the room of Mr. Gardner lately deceased.

Major Furnace apply'd for the like favor.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen, Novem^{r}. 7, 1770. Present, Henshaw, Jackson, Ruddock, Pemberton.

M^{r}. Syrcomb applys to the Selectmen for the repairs of the Bridge over the Common Shore near his House at New Boston.

The Selectmen have agreed to view M^{r}. Atkins Wall half after 12 OClock, Tomorrow Fore Noon.

Passed upon Deacon Joseph Robys Province Acco^{t}. amounting to £. 5–14–½ as by Copy on file.

Coll. Jackson & M^{r}. Pemberton Appointed a Committee to view the Bridge over the Common Shore near M^{r}. Syrcombs House.

M^{r}. Paul Farmer was directed to receive into the Almshouse on the Province Charge one John M^{c}.Gee a poor lame Stranger not an Inhabitant of the Province nor having wherewithall to support himself.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen, Novem^{r}. 10, 1770. Present, Jackson, Ruddock, Hancock, Pemberton, Inches.

M^{r}. Paul Farmer was directed to receive into the Almshouse to be supported at the Province Charge one Benjamin Price a sick Stranger not an Inhabitant of any Town in this Province nor having wherewithall to support himself — John Hancock, Samuel Pemberton Esq.

[97.] * Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen, November 10, 1770. Present, Jackson, Ruddock, Hancock, Pemberton, Inches.

Boston November 10, 1770

Sir,

I am directed by the Select men to acquaint you that they depend upon your coming to Town as soon as possible that you may in conjunction with M^{r}. Quincy prepare for the tryal of the Soldiers, and that they make no doubt of your exerting yourself to the utmost that a fair & impartial inquisition may be made for blood. A person is appointed to attend M^{r}. Quincy and yourself in the collecting of Evidences.

I am

Sir

Your most Hum. Serv^{ts}

William Cooper

Robert Treat Paine Esq.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen, Novem^{r}. 12, 1770. Present, Henshaw, Jackson, Ruddock, Hancock, Inches, Mason.

Voted, that M^{r}. John Hunt have the Place of Measurer of Wood, in the District which was assigned the late M^{r}. Gardner's and that the Town Clerk make out his Orders as Measurer for that District.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen, Novem^{r}. 14, 1770. Present, Jackson, Pemberton, Inches, Mason.

* Two blank leaves in the book are here counted as pp. 95 and 96. W. H. W.

The Widow Fitch prays liberty to open a Drain from her House to the Common Shore at the back of Mr. Greenleaffs House, Smiths Lane, in order to clear the same — And Liberty was granted.

Mr. Thayer prays for Mr. Halls & Kings Wharff to be added to his District

A number of the Inhabitants near the South Battery attended, and acquainted the Select men that the Warehouses at Wheelwrights Wharff, have as they are informed, been taken up as [98.] an Hospital, which they apprehending will greatly expose the Inhabitants to Infectious Distemper — therefore praying that the Selectmen would take this matter under consideration, that some method may be taken to avert the evil.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen, Novr. 21, 1770. Present, Henshaw, Ruddock, Hancock, Pemberton, Mason.

Mr. Cunningham applys for Assistance to be afforded a Person who lodges in her House named Edward Cane, he being a Stranger, & not having wherewithall to support himself.

Coll. Jackson appointed to let the Towns Warehouse now empty.

Four Jurymen for the Superior Court in the room of twelve who are dismissed, were this Afternoon drawn out of the Box by virtue of a new Venire.

Let the Towns Warehouse near Mr. Rowes, to Mr. James Blackie at £.20 — Sterling p. Annum he to pay the Taxes.

Voted, that the Selectmen will make a new Division of the Districts assigned for the Sealers of the Wood.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Novemr. 22d. 1770. Present, Jackson, Hancock, Pemberton, Inches, Mason.

Ten Jurymen for the Superior Court by virtue of a new Venire dated this Day, were drawn out of the Jury Box.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen, November 25th, 1770. Present, Henshaw, Jackson, Ruddock, Hancock, Inches, Mason.

Ordered that the Assize of Bread be set at Wheat at 5/8 p. bushel, and that 6d. p. Bushel, be allowed to the Bakers for their Charges Pains and Livelihood which is computed as follows — Vizt.

	lb.	oz.	dr.
A 4d. Loaf Brown Bread ¾ Wheat ¼ Rye meal must weigh	2–	11–	
A 4d. ditto, not above ½ Indian must weigh	3–	13–	
A Basket of a Copper price - - - - - - - - -		4–	15

[99.] Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen, Novemr. 28, 1770. Present, Jackson, Hancock, Pemberton, Inches, Mason.

Voted, that Mr. Cooper the Clerk have a Draft on the Treasurer for Twenty Pounds.

Mr. Paul Farmer Keeper of the Alms house directed to receive

one Edward Cane a sick Stranger not an Inhabitant of any Town in this Province nor having wherewithall to subsist himself — Mr. Hancock & Mr. Mason signed the Order.

The Clerk is directed to get out of Mr. Hartley's Acco^t. what belongs to the Province.

Voted, that the South Watch be dismissed, and that Capt. Martin be appointed Constable of the other South Watch in the room of Capt. Bradford — & the Clerk is directed to make out his Orders.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen, Decem^r. 5, 1770. Present, Henshaw, Jackson, Pemberton, Inches, Mason.

Coll. Jackson & Maj^r. Ruddock appointed to examine & measure the paving work done by Mr. Hutchinson.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen, Decem^r. 12, 1770. Present, Henshaw, Jackson, Ruddock, Hancock, Pemberton, Inches, Mason.

A Petition of a number of Inhabitants, that the South Watch near the Fortifications lately laid down may be again set up.

Passed upon Capt. Woods Province Account amounting as p. Copy on file to £. 8. 8–Sterling.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen, Decem^r. 19, 1770. Present, Jackson, Ruddock, Hancock, Pemberton, Inches, Mason.

[100.] Mr. Paul Farmer was directed by two of the Selectmen vizt. Mr. ——— & Mr. ——— to receive into the Almshouse on the Province charge one Moses M^c.Intosh, who is a Stranger and not an Inhabitant of any Town in this Province neither has he wherewithall to support himself — (Mem^o. the Order was not delivered)

Mr. C. E. S. Estey presented his Petition to the Selectmen praying that he may be permitted to teach the French language in this Town — said Estey is a Prussian by Birth, and came last from New Haven — not allowed.

Mr. Williston was directed to order the several Collectors of Taxes to be at the Selectmens Chamber on Wednesday next.

The Selectmen having considered the Petition for continuing the Watch near the Fortification.— Voted, that the further consideration be referred to next Wednesday.

Mr. Williston is directed to shut the Market at One O'Clock every Day except Lords Days.

Coll. Jackson & Mr. Hancock & Mr. Inches a Comm^ee. to remove the Nusances from the market.

Mr. Pemberton & Mr. Mason a Comm^ee. on Dr. Warrens Province Account^s.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen, Decem^r. 26, 1770. Present, Jackson, Ruddock, Hancock, Pemberton, Inches, Mason.

Mr. Abraham Savage a Collector of Taxes for 1770 — presents Messrs. Nathaniel Green and Archibald M^c.Neil as his Bondmen.

Voted, that they be accepted.

M. Edward Hollyday Collector of Taxes for 1770 — presents Mr. John Winslow & Mr. Harmonees Brimmer as his Bondsmen.

Voted, that they be accepted.

Mr. Benjamin Henderson Collector of Taxes for 1770 presents Messrs. Job Prince and Edward Carnes as his Bondsmen.

Voted, that they be accepted.

[**101.**] Mr. Sampson Salter Collector of Taxes for 1770 presents Mr. Thomas Parker and Mr. Daniel Rea as his Bondsmen.

Voted, that they be accepted.

Coll. Henshaw is appointed to direct Mr. Curtis the Hayward as to the disposal of the Bulls.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Decemr. 31, 1770. Present, Jackson, Hancock, Pemberton, Mason.

The Honble. Royal Tyler Esq. informs the Selectmen that he has taken into one of his Houses as a Tenant, William Hill & Family who came last from Dorchester.

Ordered that the Assize of Bread be set at Wheat at 6 / p. bushel and that 6d. p. Bushel be allowed to the Bakers for their Charges Pains and livelihood, which is computed as follows — Vizt.

	lb.	oz.	dr.
A 4d. Loaf Brown Bread ¾ Wheat ¼ Rye Meal must weigh - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - -	"	"	"
A 4d. Ditto not above ½ Indian meal must weigh - -	"	"	"
A Bisket of a Copper price - - - - - - - - - -	"	"	"

Mr. Otis Keeper of the County Jayl informs that there is one David D'Artey an Irish man in Jayl who is sick & in suffering circumstances but not held in Custody by any Writ, the one upon which he was committed being discharged by the Creditor on account of his illness.

Mr. Paul Farmer was directed to receive into the Almshouse to be supported at the Charge of the Province one David D'Artey a sick Stranger not an Inhabitant of any Town of this Province nor having where withall to support himself — Order signed by Colo. Jackson and Mr. Mason.

The Widow Maverick informs that there is at her House one Cambridge an old Negro Man lately owned by the Widow Thornton who is now deceased; and that the said Negro is sick and unable to do anything for his support.

Mr. Balston, Brother to the Widow Thornton, refuses to afford any assistance.

[**102.**] Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen, January 2d. 1771. Present, Jackson, Pemberton, Inches, Mason.

Mr. Daniel Barker informs the Select men that he has lately taken into his House as a Tenant one Micah Allen, who has a Wife and one Child; he came from Braintree about two years ago and has lived in a House of Deacon Collins's near the new North Church — also that the aforenamed Micah Allen has taken into his House one Charity Twiss, lived last at the Eastward in a place called Manes Point, Sheepscot River.

Mem°. Mr. Dana was allowed in his Acco^t. for which he had a draft 12/ lawful money — when it should have been charged to Brookers Donation.

Voted, that for the future their draft Day, shall be on the last Wednesday of every month.

Passed upon Dr. Joseph Warrens Province Account amounting to £. 198 – 2 – 4 — as p. Copy.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen, January 9, 1771. Present, Jackson, Ruddock, Hancock, Pemberton, Inches, Mason.

The following was sent the Assessors.

Gentlemen

It is our Opinion that the following Persons Inhabitants of other Towns in this Province, ought to be taxed here for the Real Estate they Occupy, and the business they do here, it being agreeable to Law, Viz^t.

The Honble. James Russell, Esq.
Ralph Inman, Esq.
Joseph Palmer & Comp^y.
Patrick Mc. Masters
John Head
Elisha Doane, Esq.
Archibald Bowman,
John Short.

We are
Gentlemen
Your hum. Serv^ts.
JOSEPH JACKSON
JOHN RUDDOCK
SAMUEL PEMBERTON
HENDERSON INCHES
JONATHAN MASON
Selectmen of Boston

To
The assessors of the Town of Boston,
Boston December 28, 1770.

[**103.**] The Town Clerk is directed to get from the Secretary an Order for the money granted by the General Court to the Town on Acco^t. of Charges in sending a Packet &c. with a Narration of the late Massacre.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen, Jany. 16, 1771. Present, Jackson, Ruddock, Hancock, Pemberton, Inches, Mason.

Passed upon Joseph Jackson Esq. Province Account, amounting to £. 18 – 8 – 7 as p. Copy on file.

Passed upon Joseph Newells, Province Account amounting to Three Pounds one Shilling — as p. Copy on file.

Passed upon Thomas Hubbard Esq. Province Acco^t. amounting to £. 7 – 8 – 9 – as p. Copy on file.

Mem°. to enquire of Mrs. Slate relative to one Esther Burgain a Child at Roxbury.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen, January 23d. 1771. Present, Jackson, Ruddock, Pemberton, Inches, Mason.

William Sutton, Master of Engine N°. — apply'd. to the Selectmen for the Premium allowed by the Town for bringing their Engine to work first upon the Fire which broke out lately near Dr. Sewalls Meeting House — Consideration referred.

Coll. Abijah Willard of Lancaster.

Capt. James Richardson of Leominster, are proposed by Mr. John Winslow Exur. to mrs. Brookers Will as Boudsmen for Money let to Mrs. Hanscall deceased, who had Two hundred Pounds lawful money of said Brookers Donation.

Passed upon William Todds Province Account amounting to £. 37-9-8- as p. Copy on file.

Passed upon Richard Hunnywells Province Account amounting to £. 14-19-8- as p. Copy on file.

[**104.**] Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen, Janry. 30, 1771. Present, Jackson, Ruddock, Hancock.

Ordered, that the Assize of Bread be set at Wheat at 6/ p. bushel and that 6d. p. Bushel be allowed to the Bakers for their Charges Pains and Livelihood, which is computed as follows — Vizt.

	lb.	oz.	dr.
A 4d. Loaf of Brown Bread ¾ Wheat ¼ Rye meal must weigh	not filled out.		
4 4d. ditto not above ½ Indian Meal must weigh			
A Bisket of a Copper price.			

The Tanners who Leased the Towns Slaughter House this day delivered up the Key to the Selectmen.

The Tanners attended and complained as they had often done, that the Butchers who hire Stalls in the market refuse letting them have the Hydes of the Creatures they kill notwithstanding their Agreement with the Selectmen.

Mr. Farmer Keeper of the Almshouse was directed to receive into the Almshouse on the Province Charge one Mary Thompson, & Child, she being a poor Person and not of this Province nor having wherewithall to support herself.

Order signed by Coll°. Jackson & Mr. Hancock —

Passed upon Richard Boyntons Province Account amounting to £.1- 14- 1- as p. Copy.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen, Feby. 7, 1771. Present, Jackson, Ruddock, Pemberton, Inches, Mason.

Passed upon Mr. Samuel Harris's Province Account amounting as p. Copy to £. 8- 19- 4½

Mem°. William White & Compy. had a draft in Novemr. last for £.3- 1- 11- more than was due to him.

[**105.**] Mr. Paul Farmer was directed to deliver Jacob Swarter a poor Person not an Inhabitant of any Town of this Province two Shirts and one under Woolen Jacket — signed by Coll°. Jackson & Mr. Pemberton.

[The Selectmen received of —]

Mr. Paul Farmer Keeper of the Alms house was directed to receive into the Alms house to be supported at the Province Charge one Robert Patterson a Stranger and not an Inhabitant of any Town in this Province, being Poor & having lost the use of his Right Arm on the 5 of March last in the Massacre made by the Soldiers.

Memo. Order dated 30. Jany. last & signed by Mr. Hancock & Mr. Mason.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen, Feby. 13d, 1771. Present, Jackson, Ruddock, Hancock, Pemberton, Inches, Mason.

Memo. Mrs. Eunice Perry who lived with Dr. Cutter is proposed as a suitable Person to receive part of Mrs. Bookers Donation —

Passed upon Ebenezer Wales's Province Account amounting as p. Copy on file to £. 3– 12–

Received of John Winslow Esq. Twenty four Dollars which with 16 he distributed makes Forty Dollars for which the Selectmen gave a Receit dated January last, as Received in pt. of Mrs. Brookers Donation to poor Widows — Distributed as follows, vizt.

By John Winslow — vizt. —

Prudence Delaplace - - - - -	4 Dollars
Elizabeth Patterson - - - - -	4 do.
Mary Ann Leblond - - - - -	4 do.
Ellen Fowle - - - - - -	4 do.
	16. Dollars.

By the Select men, Vizt.

	Dollars.		Dollars.	
Widows Fowls - - -	2	Widows Hicks - -	2	
Winter - -	2	Lee - -	2	
Colman - -	2	Brooks - -	2	
Mc. Cloud - -	2	Eunice Perry	2	
Nichols - -	2	Rachel White	2	
Oliver - - -	2	Maverick -	2	24
				40 Dollars

[106.] Capt. Curtis of Engine No. 8, presented Josiah Wheeler as an Engine man for his Company in the room of John Hinckley.

At a Meeting of the Justice Overseers & Selectmen on Feby. 11 — A Walk or visitation of the Town was agreed upon this Day, as p. account of particulars on file.

Mr. Mays the Hay weigher was sworn by Mr. Justice Ruddock.

The Town Clerk to get one doz. of the By-Law Books.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen, Feby. 20, 1771. Present, Jackson, Hancock, Pemberton, Mason.

Application made by a number of Inhabitants for the use of

Faneuil Hall on March 5 — an oration in commemoration of the Massacre last March being intended.

(Motion Withdrawn)

M^r. Hancock has liberty to continue ye Row of Trees from before his house and also Posts the extent of his bounds.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen, Feby. 27, 1771. — Present, Jackson, Hancock, Pemberton, Mason.

Ordered, that the Assize of Bread be set at Wheat at 6/ p. bushel and that 6 p. Bushel be allowed to the Bakers for their Charges Pains and livelihood, which is computed as follows, Viz^t.

a 4^d Loaf of Bread $\frac{3}{4}$ Wheat $\frac{1}{4}$ Rye meal must weigh
a 4^d. Ditto not above $\frac{1}{2}$ Indian must weigh - - - -
a Bisket of a Copper price - - - - - - - - - -

not filled out.

Passed upon several Accounts —.

M^r. Paul Farmer Keeper of the Almshouse was directed to receive into the Almshouse Decem^r. 27, One Hugh O'Briant a stranger & not an Inhabitant of any Town in this Province who has not wherewithall to support himself. Order signed by M^r. Hancock & M^r. Pemberton.

[**107.**] Passed upon John Burroughs Province Account amounting to £. 5– 16– 10– as p. Copy on file.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen, March 5, 1771. Present, Ruddock, Hancock, Pemberton, Mason.

M^r. Paul Farmer was directed to receive into the Alms house a poor Person, named James Hyde, he being sick and unable to support himself. Order signed by M^r. Ruddock & Hancock, Selectmen & M^r. Greenleaff.

Voted, that a Warrant be issued for a Town Meeting Monday next.

Voted, that Capt. Ruddock & M^r. Hancock be a Committee to desire M^r. Mather to pray.

Voted, that Edes and Gill have the printing of the Notifications.

M^r. Hancock a Comm^ee. to examine Granary Acco^ts.

Passed upon M^r. Paul Farmers Accounts amounting as p. Copys on file to £. 356– 10– 5/4 & 27– 7– 9– they were passed on the 27 Ultimo, but not signed till this Day.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen, March 31, 1771. Present, Jackson, Ruddock, Hancock, Pemberton, Inches, Mason.

Ordered, that the Assize of Bread be set at Wheat at 6/ p. bushel and that 6^d. p. Bushel be allowed to the Bakers for their Charges Pains and livelihood, which is computed as follows — Viz^t.

lb. oz. dr.

a 4^d. Loaf of Bread $\frac{3}{4}$ Wheat, $\frac{1}{4}$ Rye meal must weigh - - - - - - - - - - - - - -
a 4^d Ditto not above $\frac{1}{2}$ Indian must weigh - -
a Bisket of a Copper price - - - - - - -

not filled out.

Coll°. Jackson & Major Ruddock a Comm^ee to attend at the Probate Office on M^rs. Brookers Executors Account.

[108.] M^r. Paul Farmer was directed to receive into the Almshouse to be supported at the Province Charge one James Connor his Wife and two Children, they being Strangers and not Inhabitants of any Town in this Province nor having wherewithall to support themselves. Order signed by Coll. Jackson and M^r. Hancock.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen, March 20, 1771. Present, Jackson, Hancock, Pemberton, Storer.

Coll. Jackson in the Chair.

The Clerk is directed to prepare a Petition relative, to the removal of the Powder House agreeable to a Vote of the Town at March Meeting, and to lay the same before the Selectmen next Wednesday.

Passed upon M^r. Samuel Hartleys Province Acco^t. amounting as p. Copy on file to £.13–12–8.

M^r. Hancock is allowed to restore the Banks at the front of his Dwelling House.

M^r. Hancock & Pemberton a Committee to inclose the Common agreable to Order of the Town.

The Clerk to publish agreeable to a Vote of the Town relative to the Common.

Co^ll. Jackson and M^r. Hancock a Committee to order Repairs to the Towns Ware-house adjoining M^r. Rowes.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen March 22^d. 1771. Present, Jackson, Hancock, Pemberton, Storer.

M^r. James Lovel having informed the Selectmen that he apprehended he should not be able to deliver the Oration on Tuesday the 2^d. of April. 2^d. for reasons expressed in his Letter to the Chairman. M^r. Pemberton & Storer appointed a Committee to inform M^r. Lovel, that they can by no means excuse him from that service.

[109.] Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen, March 27, 1771. Present, Jackson, Hancock, Pemberton, Inches, Mason, Storer.

Coll°. Jackson in the Chair.

Ordered, that the Assize of Bread be set at Wheat at 5/6 p. bushel and that 6^d. p. bushel be allowed to the Bakers for their Charges Pains and livelihood, which is computed as follows, Viz^t. —

a 4^d. Loaf Bread $\frac{3}{4}$ Wheat $\frac{1}{4}$ Rye Meal must weigh
a 4^d. Ditto not above $\frac{1}{2}$ Indian Meal must weigh
a Bisket of a Copper price - not filled out.

A Petition of James Connor praying that he may have the common allowance, for Persons sent to the Almshouse on the Province Account, while for reasons given he does not go into said Hospital; also praying a passage may be found him & Family, for Ireland or England, was read and considered, — whereupon —

Voted, that Mr. Hancock be a Committee to provide a Passage for said Connor his Wife and Child, and that Ten Guineaes be allowed Mr. Hancock for that purpose.

Mr. Lewis offers to take the whole of the Towns Lands on the East side of the Neck at the rate of £.36 p. Annum.

Mr. Paul Farmer was directed to receive into the Almshouse on the Province Account one Mary Connel Wife of Morris Connel, she being a Stranger and not an Inhabitant of any Town in this Province nor having wherewith to support herself — Order signed by Mr. Pemberton & Mr. Mason.

Coll. Jackson appointed to see Rails fixed round the Dock.

Collo. Jackson & Mr. Pemberton appointed to supervise the Repairs of the Neck.

Agreed with Enoch Brown for laying on the Neck what Gravel may be necessary, under directions of the Selectmen, and upon as easy a lay as they have had it formerly brought for.

[110.] Mr. Curtis, Hayward, allowed to call upon Mr. Mayes for a small load of Hay for the Bulls

Mr. Curtis was directed to lay before the Selectmen as soon as may be, a list of the Cows that go upon the Common, in order for the Owners, to be properly assessed for the Charge of Bulls &c.

By Order of the Town at their late Meeting, the following Petition was delivered our Representative Mr. Hancock in order to be presented at the ensueing Sessions.

To His Excellency Thomas Hutchinson Esq. Governor in Chief, the Honble. the Council & House of Representatives in General Court Assembled.

The Petition of the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Boston in Town Meeting assembled, March 19. 1771.

Humbly sheweth

That considering the many & fatal accidents that happen by the explosion of Magazines of powder in large & populous Citys your Petitioners apprehend their lives and propertys to be very insecure from the powder house being situate where it now is, more especially as they are informed it has at times contained several thousands casks of gun powder.

That they are apprehensive not only on account of what the Town may suffer if so terrible a Catastrophy should be realized but for the Community in general as near the whole quantity of powder in the Province would be thereby lost and perhaps at a time when we are upon the eve of a war.

Your Petitioners would therefore intreat that the Honble. Court will be pleased to take this petition into their wise consideration, & order the removal of the powder of that magazine to a place or places of greater safety & as in duty bound &c.

By Order of the Town

Memo. sign'd by all the Selectmen except Mr. Ruddock.

The Town Clerk was directed to suspend publishing a Vote

passed at the late Meeting relative to the Common for reasons they will be ready to offer to the Town.

[111.] Upon application made by Mr. Benjamin Edes it was agreed by the Select men, that the sum of £. 2–8–4– should be remitted Mr. Benjamin Star out of his Rent in consideration of the loss of his business by the Small Pox breaking out in a House near the Shop he hired of the Town.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen, March 28, 1771. Present, Jackson, Pemberton, Inches, Storer.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen April 3d. 1771. Present, Jackson, Pemberton, Inches, Storer

Collo. Jackson in the Chair.

Messrs. Grants this Day paid Collo. Jackson Four Pounds lawful money in full for one Years Interest of their Bond ending the 23d. of March last, which Bond is part of Mrs. Brookers Donation to poor Widows.

The Town Bakers attended, and represented that the Assize of Bread was above common rate of Merchantable Flower — whereupon Voted, that the Assize of Bread be now altered, and set at the rate of 6/ p. bushel — which is computed as follows — Vizt.

	lb.	oz.	dr.
a 4d. Loaf of Bread ¾ Wheat ¼ Rye meal must weigh -	not filled out		
a 4d. ditto not above ½ Indian meal must weigh -			
a Bisket for a Copper price - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - -			

Agreeable to a late Vote of the Town the Watch at the South end of the Town near the Fortification was replaced — John Martin being appointed Constable of the same, who is allowed three Men besides himself, vizt. John Perring William Clear & William Sharp.

Thomas Bradford is appointed Constable of the South Watch near the Lamb Tavern, and is allowed two Men besides himself vizt. Ebenezer Crosby & Josiah Carter.

Orders to be made out accordingly.

[112.] Mr. Paul Farmer was directed by two of the Selectmen vizt. Mr. Inches and Mr. Storer, to receive into the Almshouse to be supported at the Province charge one Lydia Beach a sick Stranger who is not an Inhabitant of any Town in this Province, neither has she wherewith to support herself.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen, March 10, 1771. Present, Jackson, Pemberton, Inches, Storer.

Coll. Jackson in the Chair.

Mr. Paul Farmer was directed by two of the Selectmen, vizt. Coll. Jackson and Mr. Pemberton, to receive into the Almshouse to be supported at the Province Charge one James Pulis a sick Stranger not an Inhabitant of any Town in this Province nor having wherewithall to support himself.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen April 7, 1771. Present, Jackson, Ruddock, Pemberton, Inches, Storer.

Coll. Jackson in the Chair.

Mr. James Jackson prays the Selectmen that they would view the Posts he has erected near his Brothers Shop at the Brazen Head.

The Selectmen have Agreed with ——— Bracket for the Land on the Neck late improved by Mr. Lewis at £.40– p. annum, Conditions same as Mr. Lewis's Lease. — and the Clerk is directed to prepare Leases — Abraham Woodward & ——— are to be concerned with Mr. Bracket equally.

Majr. Ruddock appointed to direct and order as to the clearing of the Dirt near Ferry ways by After (*sic*) Stoddards Shop.

Coll. Jackson a Committee to order Repairs to Blind Lane.

Majr. Ruddock & Deacon Storer a Committee to order repairs to Lyn Street & Ferryway Street.

[**113.**] Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen, April 24, 1771. Present, Jackson, Pemberton, Inches.

Coll. Jackson in the Chair.

Mr. Benjamin Henderson Collector having produced Receits in full from the Town County and Province Treasurers it was ordered that he have a draft on the Treasurer agreeable to a Vote of the Town, for his Premium, amounting as p. his Accot. to £.135. 4–1–

The Town Clerk is directed by two of the Selectmen vizt. Coll. Jackson and Mr. Inches to deliver Mr. Collector Henderson his Bonds for 1769, and they were accordingly delivered.

This Day Agreed with Jeffry Richardson for the Rent of the Engine House adjoining Mr. Greens Barn for £.1–6–8–lawful p. Annum, to pay his rent quarterly & to commence the 25t of April Inst.

Ordered, that the Assize of Bread be set at Wheat at 6/ p. Bushel and that 6d p. Bushel be allowed to the Bakers for their charges Pains and Livelihood, which is computed as follows — Vizt.

	lb.	oz.	dr.
a 4d Loaf Brown Bread ¾ Wheat ¼ Rye Meal must weigh			
a 4d. ditto not above ½ Indian meal must weigh - -			
a Bisket of a Copper price			

not filled out

Mr. Paul Farmer was directed to receive into the Almshouse to be supported at the Province Charge one Ann Matthews Wife of Peter Matthews, she being near laying in, a Stranger & not an Inhabitant of any Town in this Province, and her husband being unable to support her — signed by Coll°. Jackson & Mr. Storer.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen, May 1, 1771. Present, Jackson, Hancock, Pemberton.

Mr. Turel & others apply to the Selectmen for the removal of a Barn near his House in danger of falling.

Mr. Curtis apply'd to the Selectmen for liberty to open a dancing School.

[114.] Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen May 2d. 1771. Present, Jackson, Hancock, Pemberton, Inches, Mason.

A Schooner named ——— from Guadaloup last from Cape Ann, John Burt Master, himself, and a number of his People sick with the Small Pox.

A Precept having been received for the calling a Town Meeting for the choice of Representatives.

Voted, that the Town Clerk issue a Warrant for the Town Meeting on Tuesday next 10. OClock A.M.

Mr. Hancock & Mr. Pemberton a Comm. to wait upon Dr. Eliot and desire him to open the May Meeting with Prayer.

Voted, that Messrs. Fleets, have the printing of the Notifications for the ensuing Town meeting.

Mr. Curtis permitted to open a dancing School in this Town according to his desire.

Ordered, that the Assize of Bread be set at Wheat at 6/ p. Bushel and that 6d p. Bushel be allowed to the Bakers for their Charges Pains and Livelihood, which is computed as follows, Vizt.

	lb.	oz.	dr.
A 4d. loaf Brown Bread ¾ Wheat ¼ Rye meal must weigh			
A 4d. ditto. not above ½ Indian Meal must weigh	not filled out		
A Bisket of a Copper price			

Boston May 2d. 1771.

Mr. Samuel Hartley

The Schooner named ——— from Gaudaloup last from Cape Ann John Burt master himself & a number of his People down with the Small Pox having stopt at Rainsfords Island, Our Orders are that you remove such of the Persons as Dr. Rogers the Physician which came from Cape Ann in the Vessell tells you may be removed with safety, to the Hospital. You must not suffer any [115.] Persons to go on board the Vessel or come from the Vessel without our permission nor any kind of Goods or Clothing to come up. Take particular care of the sick and report to us as soon as may be the state of the Vessel and the names of the sick when you'l have our further directions

JOSEPH JACKSON
JOHN HANCOCK
SAM. PEMBERTON
HENDERSON INCHES
JONN MASON
Selectmen of Boston.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen, May 7, 1771, A.M. Present, Jackson, Hancock, Pemberton, Inches, Mason, Storer.

Capt. Alexander Coffin informs that he left the Downs the 29t. Day of March on the 1s. of April Paul Coggeshall Sailor broke out with the Small Pox and in five days was entirely well. He is stopt at Rainsfords Island.

Boston May 7. 1771.

Mr. Samuel Hartley

You having Reported to us that the Briggandine Harmony Capt. Alexander Coffin from London has had one of his hands taken with the Small Pox, Our Orders are that you take the necessary precautions by stopping the Vessell at the Island and taking out such Articles as the Capt. may deliver you in order to be aired. No Person must be suffered to go on board or leave the Vessel without our permit, or any goods to come out. If any Persons on board are liable to have the Small Pox you must take them into the Well-house, Smoke the Letters and then send or bring them up to the Post Office. Examine the Circumstances of the Vessel & Report the same, when you shall have our further orders. You must smoke the Vessel especially the Cabbin & Steerage

JOSEPH JACKSON
JOHN HANCOCK
SAM. PEMBERTON
HENDERSON INCHES
JONN. MASON
Selectmen.

[116.] Mr. Samuel Hartley Reported, that Peoples Names of the Schooner Friendship, John Rust master from Gaudaloupe are

Nathan Narsons (?) Mate
Elijah Burnam Cooper
a Negro of Cape Ann. do.
Richard Hillen } Sailors.
Richard True
Andrew Morgan

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen, May 7, 1771, P.M. Present, Jackson, Hancock, Pemberton, Inches, Mason.

Liberty given Coll°. Jackson to open a drain before his House in Corn Court, he observing the steps of the Law to the satisfaction of the Selectmen.

Liberty given Mr. Storer to open drain before his House in Sudbury Street, he observing the steps of the Law to the satisfaction of the Selectmen.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen, May 8, 1771. Present, Jackson, Hancock, Pemberton, Inches, Mason, Storer.

Mr. Samuel Hartley Keeper of the Hospital at Rainsford's Island — attended & reports.

That he had examined into the Circumstances of Capt. Coffins Briggandine, and found that the Cabbin & Steerage & the Things which were exposed, had been smoked & cleansed for about five Weeks past, that he had also smoked them again and cleansed everything liable to infection, and is fully of opinion that the Vessel and People may come up without endangering the health of the Inhabitants, whereupon Voted, That the Vessel have liberty to come up, leaving the Beds & Bedding of the Steerage upon the Island, And that the following Certificate be given the Governor

May it please your Excellency

The Briggandine Harmony [**117.**] Alexander Coffin master from London stopt at Rainsfords Island on Account of the Small Pox, having been well smoked and cleansed we are of opinion she may be permitted to come up to Town without any danger to the Inhabitants, if your Excellency thinks proper

We are

Your Excellencys

most obedient hum. serv^{ts}.

Joseph Jackson
John Hancock
Samuel Pemberton
Henderson Inches
Jonathan Mason
Ebenezer Storer
Selectmen of Boston

To

His Excell^{y}. Thom^{s}. Hutchinson Esq.

Messrs. Thomas Appleton and Victor Blair are approved of by the Selectmen as Engine men in his Company of Engine N°. 7. in the room of Peter Roberts who is in years & Nicholas Deering who is dead, they having been recommended by the master, William Sutton.

Passed upon John Hancock Esq. his Province Account amounting as p. Copy on file to £. 14 – lawful money.

Boston May 8, 1771.

M^{r}. Samuel Hartley

You having Reported to us that the Briggandine Harmony Capt. Coffin from London is now sufficiently smoked and cleansed and that the Vessel & People may come up without danger to the Inhabitants, you have our liberty to let her leave the Island first taking out the Beds and Bedding in the Storage and keeping them on the Island untill you receive our further Orders.

Joseph Jackson
John Hancock
Samuel Pemberton
Henderson Inches
Jonathan Mason
Ebenezer Storer
Selectmen of Boston

[**118.**] Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen, May 15, 1771. — Present, Jackson, Inches, Mason, Storer.

M^{r}. Hews apply'd to the Selectmen for liberty to open a drain in a Lane near M^{r}. Averys House leading into the Common.

Liberty was granted, provided the Pavement is restored and the Ground made good, to the satisfaction of the Selectmen.

M^{r}. John Osgood applys to the Selectmen for liberty to open a Drain near his House in Back street.

Liberty was accordingly granted, provided the Pavement is restored, and the Ground made good, to the Satisfaction of the Selectmen.

John M^c^fadden a Leather Dresser applys to the Selectmen to hire or purchase the Towns Slaughter House to improve in his business.

M^r^. Paul Farmer you are to receive into the Almshouse to be supported at the charge of the Province one Margaret Burton a Stranger and not an Inhabitant of any Town in this Province; being a sick & diseased Person, and not having wherewithall to support himself (*sic*) — Order signed by M^r^. Mason & M^r^. Storer (& dated the 1^t^ of April) & by Sam. Partridge Overseer.

M^r^. Samuel Hartley Keeper of Rainsfords Island having Reported to us, that the Schooner Friendship John Rust master, stopt at Rainsfords Island on account of the Small Pox. has been well smoked and cleansed and that every thing has been taken out liable to infection, so that in your Opinion the Vessel may come up without [**119.**] Danger to the Inhabitants, Voted, that the following Certificate be given the Governor, and the following Letter to M^r^. Hartley.

Boston May 15, 1771.

M^r^. Samuel Hartley

You having Reported to us that the Schooner Friendship John Rust master, stopt at Rainsfords Island on Account of the Small Pox, has been sufficiently smoked and cleansed; and that you have taken on shore all the Bedding Clothing and other Articles liable to retain the Infection Our Orders are that you permit said Schooner to come up to Town taking care that no Person that came in the Vessel leave the Island that has not had the Small Pox and that no Goods or any thing else is brought in her, that may endanger the health of the Inhabitants.

JOSEPH JACKSON
HENDERSON INCHES
JONATHAN MASON
EBENEZER STORER
Selectmen of Boston

P.S. The People who came up in the Vessel must have a full shift of Clothes, leaving all their other Clothing behind. If there is not full Evidence that the Negro has had the Small Pox he must not come up.

May it please your Excellency

The Schooner Friendship John Rust Master from Guadaloupe last from Cape Ann stopt at Rainsfords Island on account of the Small Pox, having been well smoked and cleansed, we are of Opinion she may be permitted to come up to Town without endangering the health of the Inhabitants, if your Excellency thinks proper, We are

Your Excellencys
most Obed^t^. Hum. serv^ts^.

JOSEPH JACKSON
HENDERSON INCHES
JONATHAN MASON
EBEN^R^. STORER
Selectmen of Boston

To
His Excell^y^. Thomas Hutchinson Esq.

Boston May 15, 1771
(see 2 Pages forward)

[120.] Coll°. Jackson, Mr. Pemberton & Mr. Mason and Mr. Storer a Committee to order Repairs to the Street called Milk Street

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen May 11, 1771. Present, Hancock, Pemberton, Inches, Mason, Storer.

Boston May 11, 1771.

Mr. Samuel Hartley

Having received a Letter from Capt. Allen respecting the Circumstances of the Schooner Friendship, Our directions to you are that you keep smoking and cleansing the Vessel untill Wednesday next when you are to Report the same to us, as also what Goods are in the Vessel and what have been landed, and how you have endeavored to clear them from the Infection — You'l show this your Orders to Capt. Allen.

By Order of the Selectmen
William Cooper Town Clerk

P.S. As there has been great infection in the Schooner you are to do the best you can to prevent its being communicated from her.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen, May 13, 1771. — Present.

Several of the Selectmen having been together at Coll°. Jacksons & one of them in the Chamber, I was directed to give the following Letter to Mr. Hartley Keeper of the Hospital at Rains fords Island.

Boston May 13, 1771

Mr. Samuel Hartley

You having again represented the Circumstances of the Schooner to come up as is desired, but that you Report to us on the Wednesday what you have done as to smoking and cleansing, when we shall [121.] Determine as to the Vessels coming up. — this you are to acquaint Capt. Allen with by shewing him this Letter.

By Order of Selectmen
William Cooper Town Clerk.

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Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen, May 15, 1771. Present, Jackson, Inches, Mason, Storer.

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Mr. Paul Farmer was directed to receive into the Almshouse to be supported at the Province charge one Elizabeth Hudenox a poor diseased Person who is not an Inhabitant of any Town in this Province nor has wherewith all to support herself, Order signed by Mr. Mason & Mr. Storer and dated May 6d.

signed by Capt. Partridge Overseer.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen, May 22d. 1771. Present, Jackson, Pemberton, Inches, Storer.

Mr. Hartley Keeper of the Hospital at Rainsfords Island having Reported to us that Richard Hillton who was landed out of Schooner Friendship with the Small Pox, is now well and so sufficiently smoked and cleansed as that he may come up to Town with safety — & Dr. Rogers who came from Cape Anu in the Vessel having Reported the same in writing — Voted that the following Letter be given Mr. Hartley.

Boston May 22d, 1771.

Mr. Samuel Hartley

You having Reported to us that Richard Hillton who was landed out of Schooner Friendship, with the Small Pox, on your Island is now well and so sufficiently [**122.**] Smoked and cleansed as that he may leave the Island with safety provided he has a shift of Clothes — Our Orders are that you permit him to come up first seeing that he has a full shift of Clothes and that he brings nothing away, which is liable to retain infection —

JOSEPH JACKSON
SAMUEL PEMBERTON
HENDERSON INCHES
EBEN. STORER
Selectmen of Boston

Major Doan applys to the Selectmen for liberty to set up Posts before his House in Kilby Street.

Passed upon Mr. Nathaniel Greenwoods Province Account amounting as p. Copy on file 18/ p. ———

Mr. Paul Farmer was directed to receive into the Almshouse to be supported at the Province charge one Edward Lewis a sick Stranger not an Inhabitant of any Town in this Province nor having wherewithall to support himself, Order signed by Mr. Pemberton & Storer.

Mr. John Carnes approved of as a Retailer of Spirituous Liquors in the House he has lately removed to the South part of Boston, lately improved by Mr. Joseph Ballard.

Passed upon Benjamin Burdicks Province Accot. amounting as p. Copy on file to £. – 23 – 2 –

Agreed to let John Mc. fadden on Lease for Seven Years at eight Pounds p. annum the Building near the South market and Land Adjoining lately improved as a Slaughter House, said Fadden to build a good Stone Wall under said Building next the Sea, to put it otherwise in good [**123.**] Repair and within the said term of Seven Years to new Shingle said Building, and at the expiration of said Lease to leave it in good repair.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen, May 27d. 1771. — Present, Joseph Jackson, Henderson Inches, Mason, Storer.

Collo. Jackson appointed to direct the repairs of the Hospital Fence at New Boston.

The Governor and Council having recommended to the Selectmen to procure a passage for a Soldiers Widow and two Children to Scotland — Mr. Mason was permitted to advance four Dollars for said Family.

Liberty upon application therefor, was granted to the Artillery Company to make use of Faneuil Hall next Monday.

A Dispute having arisen between Mrs. Kesiah Harvey and Capt. James Dalton relating to the Line or bounds of their Land in Spring Lane — Messrs. John Joy, Samuel Dyer & John Kneeland of Boston were appointed to settle and adjust the Line between them, and a Warrant was issued of the following tenor or form.

Boston May 27, 1771.

To Messrs. John Joy, Samuel Dyer and John Leach all of Boston.

Greeting —

Whereas a difference has arose between Mrs. Keziah Harvey and Capt. James Dalton relating to the Line or Bounds of their Land in Spring Lane.

Pursuant therefore to a Law of this Province we do desire & impower you the said Joy, Dyer, & Kneeland to go upon the Premisses view the same hear the Partys contending, & adjust settle & lay out the line between them as to you shall appear equitable.

Joseph Jackson
Henderson Inches
Jon. Mason
Ebenr. Storer
Selectmen of Boston.

[124.] Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen, May 28, 1771. Present, Jackson, Inches, Storer.

Dr. Rogers and Mr. Hartley attended & Reports, That John Rust the master of Schooner Friendship is now so well recovered of the Small Pox, and has been so well smoked and cleansed, that he may leave the Island with safety, whereupon. Voted, that he may leave the Island provided he is furnished with a good shift of Clothes. Dr. Rogers having come up was also permitted to leave the Town.

Boston, May 28, 1771.

Mr. Samuel Hartley

You having Reported to us that Capt. Rust the Master of Schooner Friendship is now so well recovered and has been throughly smoked and cleansed as that he may leave the Island with safety. Our Orders are that you may permit him to do it first seeing yourself satisfied as to the charge arising since he came to your Island, and that he has a fresh shift of Clothes. Dr. Rogers may also leave the Hospital when he pleases, depending upon his care that he carrys no infection.

By Order of the Selectmen
William Cooper Town Clerk.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen May 31, 1771. Present, Jackson, Pemberton, Mason, Storer.

Mr. Hartley attended and desired that Capt. Rust might be

allowed to remove his Clothes from the Island and that the Nurse may have leave to remove with her Clothes whereupon Voted, that the Nurse be allowed to leave the Island after being properly smoked & cleansed provided she is furnished with a good shift of Clothes —

Mem°. a Memorial to Governor Council & House relative to Laws about Strangers. — on file.

Boston May 31, 1771.

[125.] Mr. Samuel Hartley

You having Reported to us that the Woman who attended Capt. Rust has desired to have leave to remove from the Island with her Clothes, Our Orders to you are that you permit her to remove after being properly smoked and cleansed, provided she is furnish'd with a full shift of Clothes she leaving all her other Clothing behind till further Orders, and you are not to suffer anything to be removed without particular Orders —

JOSEPH JACKSON
SAMUEL PEMBERTON
JONATHAN MASON
EBENEZER STORER
Selectmen of Boston

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen, June 5, 1771.— Present, Jackson, Pemberton, Inches, Mason, Storer.

Ordered, that the Assize of Bread be set at Wheat at 6/ p. Bushel and that 6d. p. Bushel be allowed to the Bakers for their Charges Pains and Livelihood, which is computed as follows Viz.

	lb.	oz.	dr.
A 4d. Loaf of Brown Bread $\frac{3}{4}$ Wheat & $\frac{1}{4}$ Rye Meal must weigh			
a 4d. ditto not above $\frac{1}{2}$ Indian meal must weigh			
a Bisket of a Copper price			

not filled out

Mr. Coply applys to the Selectmen for liberty to continue the Walk from Mr. Hancocks to the Water side the same width, and to plant Lime Trees on a Range from there before Mr. Hancocks House. Liberty was accordingly granted.

Voted, that the Town Clerk have a draft for £.20 on account of services.

[126.] Mr. Hartley attended, and asks liberty for Richard True to leave the Island next Saturday, and that Mr. Rust, Mr. Parsons. Mr. Allens. Mr. Robertson. Dr. Rogers, Prince Ellery and the Nurses Clothes may be brought off the Island as in his Opinion they have been sufficiently smoked and cleansed.

Mr. Mason & Coll. Jackson a Committee to settle with Mr. Thomas Russel for the Rent of Warehouse & his Accompt.

Boston May 31, 1771.

Mr. Samuel Hartley

You having Reported to us that Mr. Richard True has been well smoked and cleansed desires to leave the Island next Satturday, you have our liberty to permit it, provided you go on cleansing them and that he has a full shift of Clothes. As to Mr. Rust Mr.

Parsons Mr. Allen Mr. Robertson Dr. Rogers Prince Ellery and the Nurses Clothes, which you acquaint us have been well smoked & washed, you have our directions not to suffer to be carried off, but that you continue to smoke air and cleanse them, and then Report to us again for our further Orders

Joseph Jackson
Samuel Pemberton
Henderson Inches
Jonathan Mason
Ebenr. Mason
Selectmen of Boston

P.S. You may permit a Doctor to go down free of expence of the Town.

Passed upon Deacon Newells Province Account amounting as by Copy on file, to £.7.

[127.] Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen, June 12 1771.— Present, Jackson, Pemberton, Inches, Mason, Storer.

Mr. Samuel Hartley of Hospital at Rainsfords Island attended —and asks liberty, for nurse Godbolt & Elijah Burnam to leave the Island, next Satturday, they being in his Opinion well smoked and cleansed — also that the Clothing belonging to the People who are at Cape Ann, may be carried to Cape Ann at the same time — — whereupon the following Orders were given mr. Hartley

Boston June 12, 1771

Mr. Samuel Hartley.

You having asking liberty for Nurse Godbolt and Elijah Burnam to leave the Island next Satturday they being in your Opinion well smoked and cleansed — Our directions are that you permit Mr. Burnam to leave the Island, but not the Nurse, and that you still keep the Clothes on the Island, for our further Orders.

By Order of the Selectmen
William Cooper Town Clerk

Mr. Mason & Mr. Inches a Committee to let the Towns Pastures at South end.

Mr. Jackson & Inches, a Committee to settle & adjust the Bounds of the Towns Land, now in treaty with Mc.fadden for the Lease of ———

Collo. Jackson & Mr. Pemberton a Commee. to enquire of Tuckerman Pierpoint and others relative to their Land.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen, June 19, 1771 — Present. Jackson, Pemberton, Inches. Mason, Storer.

Mr. Hartley attended and ask'd liberty for the Clothes Bedding & a Bag of Cotton to be sent off, and that the Nurse & his Wife may come to Town with a fresh shift of Clothes, all having been well smoked &c.

[128.] Boston June 19, 1771.

Mr. Samuel Hartley

You having asked liberty to send the Clothes and Bedding off the Island & a Bag of Cotton representing that they have been

well smoked & cleansed and also that your Wife and the Nurse may come up to Town with a fresh shift of Clothes you have our liberty therefor, excepting the Cotton which must still remain behind till you have further Orders.

By Order of the Selectmen
WILLIAM COOPER, Town Clerk.

Passed upon Jonathan Masons Province Account am^{t}. as by Copy on file to £.1 " 10.

William Barret appointed to measure Coal Baskets. The Town Cerk to give him his Orders.

Voted that there be a Town meeting on Monday next 4. O'Clock A.M., & that the Town Clerk issue a Warrant accordingly.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen June 26, 1771. Present, Mess. Jackson, Ruddock, Pemberton, Mason, Storer.

Ordered that the Assize of Bread be set at Wheat at 6/ p. bushel and that 6^{d}. p. bushel be allowed to the Bakers for their Charges Pains and Livelihood which is computed as follows, Viz^{t}.

	lb.	oz.	dr.
A 4^{d}. Loaf of Brown Bread $\frac{3}{4}$ Wheat & $\frac{1}{4}$ Rye meal must weigh	not filled out		
a 4^{d}. Ditto not above $\frac{1}{2}$ Indian Meal must weigh			
A Bisket of a Copper price			

M^{r}. Paul Farmer was directed to receive into the Almshouse to be supported at the Province charge a Child of one Agnes M^{c}.Afee alias Williams is a Stranger & [**129.**] Not an Inhabitant of any Town in this Province nor having wherewith to support her child. Order signed by Samuel Pemberton & M^{r}. Mason, & M^{r}. Samuel Whitwell an Overseer

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen June 28, 1771. Present, Jackson, Mason.

M^{r}. Samuel Hartley having Reported to us that the Cotton Wool at the Island has been sufficently smoked & cleansed, Voted that he have our liberty to let the Cotton be sent off and that the following Letter be wrote.

Boston June 28, 1771

M^{r}. Samuel Hartley,

You having Reported to us that the Cotton Wool at the Island has been sufficently smoked and cleansed you have our liberty to let the same be taken off and carried to Cape Ann.

By Order of the Selectmen
WILLIAM COOPER Town Clerk.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen, July 3^{d}. 1771. Present Jackson, Pemberton, Ruddock, Inches, Mason, Storer.

M^{r}. Brewer & Richardson apply'd to the Selectmen at their Chamber, acquainting them, that M^{r}. Emmons had brought Actions against them and others for pulling down his Chimnies by Order of M^{r}. Phillips Newell and other Selectmen, and desiring them as present Selectmen to support them in those Suits.

The Selectmen have agreed to look into the Plan of ye Streets, finding by the Books there is a Street laid out by the Battery to the foot of Gib's Lane by the Sea, which is now interrupted.

The Clerk ordered to deliver M^r. Hollyday his Bonds for 1769 which were delivered him.

[**130.**] Voted, that there be a Visitation of the Free Schools in this Town on Wednesday the 10′ of July Ins^t. and that the following Gentlemen be invited to accompany the Selectmen therein, and that they be notified to attend at the Selectmens Chamber at 8 OClock in the Morning of said Day in order to proceed on the Visitation,

His Excell^y. the Governor
His Honor the Lieu^t. Governor
The Honble John Erving Esq.
James Bowdoin
Thomas Hubbard
Harrison Gray
James Pitts
M^r. Flucker
Joshua Henshaw
The Representatives of ———
The Overseers of the Poor
The Rev^d. Charles Chancey, D.D.
Mather Byles
Andrew Eliot
Samuel Cooper
Ebenezer Pemberton
Samuel Mather
Penuel Bowen
M^r. John Hunt
M^r. John Bacon
M^r. William Gorden
John Jones Esq.
Isaac Smith Esq.
Town Treasurer
Foster Hutchinson Esq.
M^r. Henry Laughton
Samuel Fitch Esq.
Capt. Dogget
Benjamin Austin Esq.
M^r. James Beautineau
John Newton Esq.
M^r. Francis Green
Henry Lloyd Esq.
Capt. Barret
M^r. Will. Bill
M^r. John Dunning
Edmund Quincy Esq.
M^r. Daniel Hubbard
Capt. Greenwood
Coll^o. Scott
M^r. Matthews
M^r. moses Gill
M^r. John Brown, N^o. End
M^r. Peter Crequi
D^r. Nathl. Perkins
M^r. Gray
M^r. Scollay
D^r. Lloyd

M^r. Barret applys to the Selectmen for leave to dig Graves in the New Burying Ground, the others being so full as to make it inconvenient for the poor from the Almshouse or Strangers, to be buried there — Liberty was accordingly granted.

Ordered, that the Assize — be — no alteration made.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen July 9, 1771. Present, Jackson, Pemberton, Storer.

[**131.**] M^r. Samuel Hartley Keeper of the Hospital at Rainsfords Island attended, and informed the Selectmen that the Ship Brittania Capt. Deverson has been stopt at Rainsfords Island on Account of the Small Pox; the Circumstances whereof and of the Vessel are as follows, Said Ship left Graves End, on the 6′of. May, and on the 18′ of said May, one Thom^s. Newell a Passenger broke out with the Small Pox, but had it favourably and has been able to walk the Decks for about five Weeks, there was two Men

on board liable to receive the Infection, who have been impressed on board a Sloop of War Capt. Dawson, that all ye necessary precautions have been taken such as smoking washing &e. there is no Bale Goods between Decks &c. only about 30 Chests of Lemmons &c. & 14½ Chests Oyle with some Casks.

The following Orders were in consequence of the above Information given Mr. Hartley.

Boston July 9', 1771.

Mr. Samuel Hartley

You having Reported to us that the Ship Brittania Capt. Deverson from London, has been stopt at Rainsfords Island on Account of the Small Pox, Our Orders are that you thoroughly smoke and cleanse the Vessels taking out all the Bedding in the Cabbin &c. the Oyl & Lemmons between Decks and such other Articles as are liable to Infection, and then Report to us your doings for our further directions, the Letters when well smoked and cleansed may be sent up, all the Clothing &e. of the Passengers must be well air'd & smoked.

By Order of the Selectmen
WILLIAM COOPER Town Clerk —

P.S. The Person from Cape Ann, with a shift of Clothes, may be permitted to leave the Island.

[132.] The following Letter was forwarded.

Boston July 1, 1771.

Gentlemen

You have Inclosed an Accot. of the Charge arising upon one Elizabeth Martin of your Town who was some time past overrun by a Cart on Boston Neck and brought from thence to our Almshouse where she was taken care of; the whole amounting to Five Pounds eight Shillings and ten Pence, which Sum we desire you'l Order us payment for, as soon as possible, the growing charge of this Town for their Poor requiring it

By Order of the Selectmen
WILLIAM COOPER, Town Clerk

The Town of Marblehead to the Town of Boston, Dr.

1770 July 26 – To Sundry Charges for Elizabeth Martin whom a Cart run over on Boston Neck vizt.	
To Charge of bringing her from thence to the Almshouse by 8 men at 1/4 p. - - - - - - - - - - - - -	£–0–10–8
To Boarding Nursing &c. of her from the 26' July 1770. to Octor. 2d. following is 9 weeks 5 days at 8/8 p. week - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - -	4– 4–2
To 7 Gallo. Rum used for bathing at 2/	" 14–"
To the Gentn. the Selectmen of Marblehead	5–8–12

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen July 11, 1771 Present, Jackson, Pemberton, Inches, Mason, Storer.

Mr. Hartley attended & Reported, That the Ship Brittania

has been so well smoked & cleansed, that she may now come up with safety, the Things between Decks are now on shore as also the Bedding &c. he also asked leave for [**133.**] Three Passengers vizt. Thomas Newell, William Timmings & Andrew Hamelton, to come up, whereup Voted, that the Ship may come up & a Certificate given the Governor accordingly & that the Passengers may leave the Island with a fresh Suit of Clothes.

May it please your Excellency

The Ship Brittania Capt. Deverson from London stopt at Rainsfords Island on Acco^{t}. of the Small Pox having been well smoked and cleansed we are of Opinion she may be permitted to come up to Town without endangering the health of the Inhabitants, if your Excellency thinks proper.

We are
Your Excell^{y}
Most obed^{t}
Hum. Serv^{ts}
J. Jackson
Sam. Pemberton
Jon^{a}. Mason
Eben^{r}. Storer
Selectmen of Boston

Boston July 11, 1771.

His Excellency Thomas Hutchinson Esq.

The following Orders were given M^{r}. Hartley.

Boston July 11, 1771

M^{r}. Samuel Hartley

You having Reported to us that the Ship Brittania has been well smoked and cleansed you are permitted to let her depart, and may also suffer the three Passengers Viz^{t} — Thomas Newell, William Timmings & Andrew Hamelton to come up provided they have a fresh shift of Clothes. The Boxes of Lemmons must be opened & the Papers taken off, & then smoked when they may come up.

By Order of the Selectmen
William Cooper, Town Clerk

Boston July 11, 1771.

[**134.**] Boston Ss: At a Meeting of Selectmen, July 13, 1771. — Present, Jackson, Pemberton, Mason, Storer.

Samuel Hartley Keeper of the Hospital at Rainsfords Island attended, and Reported to the Selectmen that the Boxes of Lemmons have been thoroughly smoked, and may without danger be brought up to Town which the Owners pray for. That the Oyle has been also smoked & aired & the Owners desire it may be brought up and put on board a Vessel bound for Hallifax none of it being design'd for the Town

Voted, that the following Orders be given M^{r}. Hartley

Boston July 13, 1771

Mr. Samuel Hartley

You having reported to us that the Boxes of Lemmons which came out of Captain Deverson have been thoroughly smoked and air'd and may without danger be brought up to Town, which the Owners pray for & that the Oyle has been also smoked and air'd, & the Owners desire the same may be brought up and put on board a Vessel bound for Hallifax to which place they are designed — Our Orders are that you suffer the Lemmons to be brought up, and that the Oyle be put on board a Vessel bound for Hallifax to which place they are design'd.

By Order of the Selectmen
WILLIAM COOPER, Town Clerk

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen July 20, 1771. — Present, Jackson, Pemberton, Inches, Mason, Storer.

Mr. Paul Farmer Keeper of the Almshouse was directed by two of the Selectmen vizt. Mr. Pemberton & Mr. Mason to receive into said House one Rachel Seymore a Poor sick Person who is a Stranger & not an Inhabitant of any Town in this Province, Order dated the 17'. Instt.

[**135.**] Selectmen Agreed to visit Deer Island Tuesday next.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen, July 24, 1771. — Present, Jackson, Ruddock, Pemberton, Inches, Mason, Storer.

All the Assessors had the Oaths respecting other Governments money, the Oath of Office and the Oath respecting the Valuation now to be taken were administred them p. Mr. Justice Pemberton.

[Next Monday, 3 OClock P.M.]

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen July 26, 1771. Present, Jackson, Inches, Mason, Storer.

Boston Ss: At a meeting of the Selectmen July 29, 1771. Present, Jackson, Ruddock, Pemberton, Mason, Inches, Storer.

Boston Ss: At a meeting of the Selectmen July 31, 1771. Present, Hancock, Pemberton, Inches, Mason.

Ordered that the Assize of Bread be set at Wheat at 6/ p. bushel and that 6d. p. Bushel be allowed to the Bakers for their Charges Pains & Livelihood, which is computed as follows, Vizt.

	lb.	oz.	dr.
A 4d. Loaf brown Bread ¾ Wheat ¼ Rye meal must weigh	2	11	
a 4d. Ditto not above ½ Indian meal do.	3	12	
A Bisket of a Copper price - - - - - - - - - - -			4–12

Voted, that Hutchinson the Paver & Compy. have a draft for £. 6 — on accot. of paving.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen August 7, 1771. Present, Jackson, Hancock, Pemberton, Mason, Storer.

The Selectmen Agreed with Messrs. Jonathan Pollard [**136.**] And John Winniet for the Rent of a Store near the Golden Ball Tavern at the Rate of Twenty three pounds six Shillings and eight pence lawful money p. Annum to be paid at four quarterly payments, as also to pay the Tax on said Store, and when they quit it, the Windows must be made whole — as p. An Agreement made the 1st. Day of Augt. Ins^{t}. and put upon File may more fully appear.

Boston Ss: At a meeting of the Selectmen Augt. 14, 1771. Present, Jackson, Hancock, Pemberton, Inches, Mason, Storer.

M^{rs}. Biggs Widow, who received of Coll. Henshaw part of M^{rs}. Brookers Donation, applys to the Selectmen for an allowance this Year.

Jean Charpotot from Paris last from St. Lucy with a Wife and one child appeared, and desired leave to carry on the Baking Business in this Town.

Liberty was accordingly granted, provided that he behaves himself to the acceptance of the Inhabitants.

Passed upon M^{r}. Samuel Hartleys Province Acco^{t}. amounting as p. Copy on file to £ 13–6–8–

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen, Augt. 21, 1771. Present, Jackson, Hancock, Pemberton, Inches, Mason, Storer.

Deacon Barret informs that he has taken into his House a Maid one Susannah Hitchins.

The Selectmen Agreed with John Veasey & David Bryant for a Shop in Queen Street at the rate of £ 3. 12/ lawful Money p. Annum; and they are to pay all Taxes the Rent to commence 7^{t}. Augt. 1771.

[**137.**] Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Augt. 28, 1771. Present, Jackson, Hancock, Pemberton, Storer.

Ordered, that the Assize of Bread be set at Wheat at 6/ p. Bushel and that 6^{d}. be allowed to the Bakers for their Charges Pains & Livelihood, which is computed as follows, Viz^{t}.

A 4^{d}. Loaf of Brown Bread $\frac{3}{4}$ Wheat $\frac{1}{4}$ Rye meal must weigh	2 – 11 –
a 4^{d}. Ditto not above $\frac{1}{2}$ Indian meal d^{o}.	3 – 12 –
a Bisket for a Copper price	" – 4 – 12

M^{r}. Benjamin Bass apply'd for leave to build a Tomb in the New Burying Ground.

Voted that he have liberty provided, that he erects a Brick Wall of sufficient heighth, and keeps the same in good repair for ever.

M^{r}. Thomas Parker applys for liberty to build three or more Tombs in the vacant Ground, in the Common Burying Ground, next the Almshouse Fence.

Voted, that liberty be granted, provided, that it can be done without disturbing the Bones of the dead & that a Head Wall is built of sufficient higth, & the same is kept in good repair for ever.

Voted, that Coll. Jackson, Mr. Pemberton, & Storer be a Committee to view the Ground Mr. Parker proposes to Erect Tombs upon, and to see whether any of the Bones of the dead will be disturbed thereby.

Voted, that the Town Clerk — have a draft for £.20 — memo. July draft being open, it was included therein.

Passed upon Mr. Willistons Province Accot. amt. to £. 5–7–8– as

[**138.**] Boston. At a Meeting of the Selectmen — Present, Jackson, Pemberton, Storer.

John Winslow Esqr. brot. his accts. agst. Joanna Brookers Estate wch being examin'd agreed with the accts. given by the Selectmen.

Dr. Thos. Young apply'd in behalf of Mrs. Wells & Mrs. Wright * for liberty to exhibit the likeness of the late Mr. Whitefeild &c. in Wax Work at Concert Hall.

Jonathan Jenkins Master of the new Engine No. 3, applied for two premiums, One at the Fire at Mr. Thornton's house, near Copp's Hill, May 29th. the other at Wm. Stoddard's Esqr. house August 22d.

Voted that he have a draft accordingly drawn.

Boston Ss: At a meeting of the Selectmen. Present, Jackson, Pemberton, Inches.

Mr. Thos. Parker applies to the Selectmen to Repair the Drain in Long Lane at the Towns Expence & keep it in Repair.

[memo. on a Journey.]

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Septemr. 18, 1771.

Majr. Ruddock in the Chair. Present, Ruddock, Hancock, Pemberton, Inches, Mason.

Mr. Abraham Foster apply'd for leave to take up the Pavements before his Door, which was granted.

Mr. Gains Master of Engine No. 6. applys for the Premium allowed by the Town for bringing his Engine to work first on the Fire which lately broke out at Mr. Stones House New Boston. ——— drawn.

Voted that he have a Draft for his Premium.

[**139.**] Mr. Hancock & Inches a Committee to view the Common Land opposite Mr. Copleys, and to direct relative to his selling of Trees.

Passed upon Mr. Paul Farmer Keeper of the Almshouse his Province accounts amounting as by Copy on file to £. 358–7–1¾ and £. 27–18–5½.

Mr. Paul Farmer was directed to receive into the Almshouse to be supported at the Province Charge one Patrick McLary a Stranger and not an Inhabitant of any Town in this Province, nor having wherewithall to support himself, Order signed by John Ruddock & John Hancock Esq. Select men & Mr. William Greenleaff Overseer.

* These contractions may be Mr. or Mrs. W. H. W.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Sep^{t}. 28, 1771. Present, Jackson, Hancock, Inches, Mason, & Storer.

Capt. John Derby of the Brig^{t}. Thomas from London Informs that he left the Downs the 25 of Augst. & on the 27th. had a Man Taken down with the Small Pox, had it favourably & has been on Duty Ten Days past, only one person on board to have it, — a Boy, whereupon ordered that Capt. Derby proceed immediately with the Brig^{t}. to Rainsfords Island, & there remain till further order & the following Letter was wrote to Saml. Hartley keeper of the Hospital at Rainsford Island respecting said Vessell.

Boston Sep^{t}. 28, 1771.

M^{r}. Samuel Hartley

It being reported to us that Capt. Derbys Brig^{t}. from London has had the Small Pox during her passage, we have order'd the Brig^{t}. down to you & our Directions are that you receive on shore every thing from between Decks Air them & wash Smoke & Cleanse the Vessell, & when in your opinion she is fit to return to Town you are to Acquaint us there of. You are to Smoke the Letters & Send them up [**140.**] by Capt. Ball Receive the people on Shore, & suffer none to go off the Island without our permission. There is on board a Boy who is liable to the Small Pox.you will be particularly Careful of him. With Respect to the Cabbin passagers you must see that they have a fresh shift of Cloathes well air'd, & then they may come up to Town.

JOSEPH JACKSON
JOHN HANCOCK
HENDERSON INCHES
JON^{A}. MASON
EBEN^{R}. STORER
Selectmen

Boston Sep^{t}. 28th. 1771

Capt. John Derby

As one Person on board your Brig^{t}. has had the Small Pox during the Voyage & another on board is liable to the Distemper it is our directions that you proceed with your Brig^{t}. to Rainsford's Island, & apply to M^{r}. Sam^{ll}. Hartley keeper of the Hospital, to whom we have given the necessary Directions, M^{r}. Hartley will be as Expeditious as possible in cleansing your Vessell that she may Return to Town. We are

Your hum^{l}. serv^{ts}.

JOSEPH JACKSON
JOHN HANCOCK
HENDERSON INCHES
JON^{A}. MASON
EBEN. STORER
Selectmen

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen, Sep^{t}. 30, 1771. Present, Jackson, Ruddock, Hancock, Pemberton, Inches, Storer.

Capt. Derby applied for Liberty to Ship the Hemp & Goods

between Decks to Salem they belonging to persons there, upon Consideration order'd that all [**141.**] the Hemp be put on Shore on the Island & there Remains till further order, & Mr. Hartley is Directed to Smoke the Goods & air them on board.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen, Octor. 2d. 1771. Present, Jackson, Ruddock, Hancock, Pemberton, Inches, Mason, Storer.

Mr. George Minott appear'd & paid Twenty four pounds Lawll. Money for Two years Interest of his Bond to the Selectmen, being Interest arising from Mrs. Brookers Legacy, the Interest of which to be applied for the Benefit of such poor Widows as in the Judgment of the Selectmen are proper objects. — This Interest was Rec'd by Coll. Jackson, & by him to be accounted.

Mr. Hartley having Reported that the Brigt. Thomas Capt. Derby is sufficiently Smok'd & Cleanse'd & that she may come up to Town with Safety, where upon the following Letter was Sent to the Govr.

Boston Octor. 2. 1771.

May it please your Excellency

The Brigt. Thomas Commanded by Mr. John Derby, lately arriv'd from London was order'd by us to Stop at Rainsford Island, on Accot. of a person having had the Small Pox on board; & it being our opinion that the Vessell is Sufficiently Cleans'd & smok'd & that she may come up to Town with Safety, we therefore Desire your Excellency's permission for that purpose.

We are
Your Excellency's
Most obedt. hum. Servts.
JOSEPH JACKSON
JOHN HANCOCK
SAMLL. PEMBERTON
JONA. MASON
EBENR. STORER
Selectmen of Boston.

To His Excellency
The Governor.

[**142.**] Thomas Uran Mastr. of Engine No. 4 applies for Prem. for Working his Engine first at the Fire last Sabbath by the Mill Bridge.

Voted, that he have a draft for the same. — drawn.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen, Octor. 4 1771. Present, Jackson, Hancock, Inches, Storer.

Ordered that the Assize of Bread be set at Wheat at 6/ 3d. p. bushel and that 6d. p. bushel be allowed to the Bakers for their Charges Pains and Livelihood which is computed as follows, Vizt.

	lb.	oz.	dr.
A 4d. Loaf brown Bread ¾ Wheat ¼ Rye Meal must weigh - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - -	2–	11	
A 4d. Ditto not above ½ Indian Meal do. - - - - -	3–	12–	
Bisket of a Copper price - - - - - - - - - - -		4–	9

Mr. Paul Farmer was directed to receive into the Almshouse to be supported at the Province charge one Jane Willson & her Son being a Stranger and not an Inhabitant of any Town in this Province, nor having wherewithall to support herself — Order signed by Mr. Hancock & Mr. Storer, Selectmen & Mr. Greenleaff an Overseer.

Voted, that the Perambulation between Roxbury and this Town be on Tuesday next at 10 OClock, Before Noon and that a Letter be wrote to the Selectmen as usual & a Dinner provided by the Clerk at Mr. Brackets on the Neck, Rev. Mr. Adams.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Octor. 9, 1771. Present, Jackson, Pemberton, Inches, Mason, Storer.

Mr. Paul Farmer was directed to receive into the Almshouse to be supported at the Province charge Sarah Kyer, and Sarah Kyer Junr. being Strangers and not Inhabitants of any Town in this Province nor having wherewithall to support themselves, Order dated 13' Septemr. 1771 and signed by Mr. Pemberton & Mr. Mason Selectmen & Mr. Daniel Warner an Overseer.

[**143.**] Passed upon Joseph Newels Province Account amounting as p. Copy on file to £.8–0–11 — lawful Money.

Collo. Jackson a Committee to settle with Mr. William Tayler, for the Rent of a Cellar under the Granary.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Octor. 23d. 1771. Present, Jackson, Inches, Pemberton, Mason.

Mr. Savage a Collector of Taxes for the Year 1769. apply'd to the Selectmen for his Bonds for said year, when the Town Clerk was directed to deliver them, and they were accordingly delivered.

Mr. Samuel Hartley Keeper of the Hospital at Rainsfords Island prays that leave may be granted for Matthew, a Person who came out of Capt. Derbys Ship to leave the Island, he having been sufficiently smoked & cleansed. Liberty was accordingly granted provided he has a shift of Clothes & discharges, the Debt he has contracted.

Boston October 23d. 1771

Mr. Samuel Hartley

You having Reported to us that one Matthew, who came out of Capt. Derbys Ship may leave the Island with safety having been sufficiently smoked & cleansed Our Orders are that you permit him to leave the Island, provided he has a fresh shift of Clothes, and discharges his arrears.

By Order of the Selectmen
William Cooper, Town Clk.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen, Octor. 30, 1771. Present, Jackson, Ruddock, Hancock, Inches, Mason.

Mr. Paul Farmer Keeper of the Almshouse was [**144.**] Directed by two of the Select men vizt. Collo. Jackson & Mr. Mason, & by Mr. Samuel Whitwell an Overseer, to receive into the Almshouse Septemr. 1, one Sarah Magee & Septemr. 27, one Elenor Murfie.

Mr. Samuel Hartley Keeper of the Hospital at Rainsfords Island appear'd and acquainted the Selectmen that the Hemp landed from Capt. Derbys Ship is now in his opinion sufficiently aired & smoked, and may be suffered to be taken off with safety to the Inhabitants.

Ordered that the Assize of Bread be set at Wh eat at 6 3. p. bushel and that 6d. p. Bushel be allowed to the Bakers for their Charges Pains and Livelihood, which is computed as follows Viz.

	lb.	oz.	dr.
a 4d. Brown Loaf ¾ Wheat ¼ Rye Meal must weigh	2 –	11	
a 4d. Ditto not above ½ Indian Meal - - - do	3 –	12 –	
Bisket of a Copper price - - - - - - - - -		4 –	9

Mr. Samuel Hartley Keeper of the Hospital Reported this Day further, that one George Williams Junr. is not quite recovered of the Small Pox, the following Orders were given him

Boston October 30, 1771

Mr. Samuel Hartley

You having Reported to us that the Hemp landed from Capt. Derbys Ship is now in his Opinion sufficiently smoked and air'd and may be suffered to be taken off the Island with safety to the Inhabitants. You having also Reported that one George Williams who came in said Ship is not quite recovered from the Small Pox, neither has he been smoked & cleansed [**145.**] he cannot therefore yet leave the Island, as to the Hemp you may suffer it to be brought off.

By Order of the Selectmen
WILLIAM COOPER Town Clk.

Jonathan Jenkins of Engine No. 3 attended, and presented one Jno. Newell Woodward as a suitable Person for his Engine Company, in the room of one John Bound who has resigned.

Voted, that the said Woodward be accepted as an Engine Man in said Company.

Mr. Torrey in the name of the Tanners applyd to the Selectmen praying, that the Butchers who hold Stalls in the Market may be obliged to deliver the Hides of the Cattle brought to Market according to Agreement.

The Town Clerk is directed to furnish the Selectmen with the Papers relative to Paddys Alley laid out by the Justices & Selectmen in a new Street.

The Selectmen passed upon a number of accounts.

The Clerk of the Market is to be directed by Mr. Williston, to attend with an Account of the Hydes brought into Market by the Butchers on Fryday 11. OClock.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Novr. 6. 1771. Present, Jackson, Raddock, Hancock, Mason, Storer.

[**146.**] Mr. Paul Farmer Keeper of the Almshouse was directed to receive into the Almshouse on the Province Accot. one Peter Kelley a diseased Stranger who is not an Inhabitant of any Town in this Province nor having wherewithall to support himself — Order signed by Mr. Hancock & Mr. Mason.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen, Novr. 13, 1771. — Present, Jackson, Hancock, Pemberton, Mason, Storer.

M^{r}. Cooper was directed to publish an Advertisement relative to payment of the Premium on Mulberry Trees first consulting M^{r}. Whitwell who pays the Premium and one Selectman.

M^{r}. Benjamin Gray Chosen a Collector of Taxes for the year 1771, offers M^{r}. Thomas Leveret and M^{r}. Levy Jennings as his Bondsmen —

Voted that M^{r}. Leveret be accepted but not M^{r}. Jennings.

Passed upon M^{r}. Ebenezer Storers Province Account amounting to Four Pounds as p. Copy on file.,

M^{r}. Paul Farmer was directed to receive into the Almshouse on the Province Account one Lucretia Seave a poor infirm Person who is a Stranger and not an Inhabitant of any Town in this Province, neither has she wherewith all to support herself, Order signed by M^{r}. Storer & M^{r}. Inches & dated Octo^{r}. 8^{t}. 1771, & by William Phillips an Overseer.

M^{r}. Sutton Master of Engine N. 7. presented Amos Thayer as a suitable Person for his Engine Company in the room of Richard Brooks Emmons who has resigned.

Voted, that he be accepted accordingly.

[**147.**] M^{r}. Paul Farmer was directed to receive into the Alms house to be supported at the Province charge one Margaret Reed & one Nancy Shay who are Strangers and not Inhabitants of any Town in this Province neither have they wherewithall to support themselves. Order signed by two of the Selectmen Octo^{r}. 8. 1771. viz. M^{r}. Inches & M^{r}. Storer, & by M^{r}. Phillips an Overseer.

M^{r}. Paul Farmer was directed to receive into the Almshouse to be supported at the Province charge one Hugh Obrien an infirm Stranger, not an Inhabitant of any Town in this Province nor having where with all to support himself, Order signed by M^{r}. Mason & M^{r}. Inches.

M^{r}. Paul Farmer was directed to receive into the Almshouse on the Province charge or at least to supply with necessary one Jacob Sweeter who is a Stranger & not an Inhabitant of any Town in this Province, nor having wherewithall to support himself, Order signed by two of the Selectmen vizt. M^{r}. Inches & M^{r}. Mason.

John Erving Esq. & M^{r}. Thomas Peck are offered by M^{r}. Parker as Bondsmen for M^{r}. Thomas Parkes, keeping the Walls of the new Tombs he is erecting near the Almshouse in Repair penalty £.20.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Novr. 20, 1771. Present, Jackson, Hancock, Pemberton, Mason, Storer.

[**148.**] M^{r}. Edward Hollyday Collector of Taxes for 1771, presents M^{r}. John Winslow & M^{r}. Hermanes Brimmer for his Bondsmen. Accepted by the Selectmen.

M^{r}. Benjamin Gray presents M^{r}. Thomas Leaveret & M^{r}. Richard Salter, as Bondsmen for his faithful discharge of the Trust of a Collector which he has been chosen to for 1771. Accepted by the Selectmen.

Mr. Abraham Savage a Collector of Taxes for 1771 presents Mr. Archibald McNeil & Daniel Maccarty marriner as his Bondsmen, Accepted by the Selectmen.

Mr. Benjamin Henderson a Collector of Taxes for 1771, presents Job Prince and Edward Carnes as his Bondsmen for ———. accepted by the Selectmen.

Mr. Paul Farmer Keeper of the Almshouse was directed to receive into the Almshouse on the Province Accot. one William Ranson a sick Stranger who is not an inhabitant of any Town in this Province, neither has he wherewithall to support himself, Orders dated Novr. 19. 1771. & signed by two of the Selectmen vizt. Mr. Mason & Mr. Pemberton & one Overseer, vizt. Benjamin Dolbear, And also an Order dated the 20, to receive a Lame Person named ——— not an Inhabitant of any Town in this Province nor having wherewithall to support himself, Order signed by Mr. Jackson & Mr. Mason. Selectmen — William Greenleaff, Overseer.

Passed upon Dr. Joseph Warrens Province Accot. amounting as by Copy on file to £.213–16.

Mr. Ruggles & Mr. Bryant who hire Stalls in Faneuil Hall Market.

[**149.**] Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen June 22d., 1771. Present

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Novr. 25, 1771. Present, Jackson, Hancock, Pemberton, Inches, Mason, Storer.

A Warrant from the Honble. Judge of Probate for this County as the Selectmen, desiring & impowering them to enquire into the Circumstances of James Otis Esq. of Boston represented by his Relations & Friends as a Distracted Person &c. was received, and the Selectmen Agreed to see the said Mr. Otis immediately.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen, Novr. 26, 1771. Present, Jackson, Hancock, Pemberton, Inches, Mason, Storer.

The following Warrant was recd. from the Judge of Probate. & a Return made thereon, Vizt.

Probate Office Suffolk Ss.

To the Gentlemen Selectmen of the Town of Boston
Greeting

It having been represented to me by the Relations & Friends of James Otis of Boston Esq. that the said James is a Non Compos Distracted or Lunatick Person & a proper Subject for a Guardian.

Pursuant therefore to the Directions of the Province Law in such case provided. You are hereby desired and impowered to consider the case of the said James & upon the Evidence you may have Report to me whether you find him to be a Non Compos Distracted or Lunatick Person or not, and such Report to be made under the hands of the major part of you.

Dated at Boston & the Seal of Office Affixed this 25. Day of Novemr. 1771 & the twelfth year of the Kings Reign

Ts. HUTCHINSON Judge Probate

We the Subscribers by virtue of the within Warrant have made due Inquisition into the Circumstances of the within [**150.**] named James Otis Esq. & are fully of Opinion that he is a Distracted Person.

JOSEPH JACKSON
JOHN HANCOCK
SAM. PEMBERTON
HENDERSON INCHES
JONA. MASON
EBENEZER STORER
Selectmen of Boston

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen, Novr. 27, 1771. Present, Jackson, Hancock, Inches, Mason, Storer.

Samuel Prichard a diseased young Fellow apply'd to the Selectmen for Relief, says he formerly lived with M^{r}. Legat of Leminister as a Servant, who sold him to John Cheney of Winchendon who sold him to Richard Parsons, & Levy Bigsby, they sold his time to Thomas Geary, & Geary sold his time to Isaac Hollister.

M^{r}. Paul Farmer was directed to receive into the Almshouse to be supported at the Province Charge Samuel Prichard a diseased Stranger who is not an Inhabitant of any Town in this Province, neither has he anything to support himself, Order signed by M^{r}. Jackson & M^{r}. Mason Selectmen.

Ordered that the Assize of Bread be set at Wheat at 6/3 p. Bushel and that Six Pence p. Bushel be allowed to the Bakers for their Charges Pains & Livelihood which is computed as follows, Viz^{t}.

	lb.	oz.	dr.
A 4^{d}. Brown Loaf $\frac{3}{4}$ Wheat $\frac{1}{4}$ Rye meal must weigh	2 –	11 –	
a 4^{d}. Ditto, not above $\frac{1}{2}$ Indian meal d^{o}.	3 –	12	
Bisket of a Copper price - - - - - - - - - - - - - - -			4 – 9

Whereas The Selectmen have'g furnished me the Subscriber appointed by the Court of Sessions a Sealer for the Town of Boston, with a Beam Scales, Weights & measures, amounting to £. 2–19–8, lawful Money, I promise to be accountable to the Selectmen for the Time being, for the same.

Witness my hand
JOSEPH WINSLOW.

[**151.**] Voted, that the Town Clerk have a draft for £. 20.

Coll^{o}. Jackson is appointed to order Plastering to a Shop occupied by ——

M^{r}. John Baker is appointed by the Selectmen to inspect into what relates to Deer Island, and to give information to the Selectmen if any Stones or Ballast is taken off from said Island.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen, Decem^{r}. 4, 1771. Present, Jackson, Hancock, Pemberton, Inches, Mason, Storer.

M^{r}. Mollineaux applys to the Selectmen for relief for a poor Woman in the Factory. a disabled Soldiers Wife.

M^{r}. Paul Farmer was directed to receive into the Alms house on

the Province Account one Patrick Kidney, a sick Stranger not an Inhabitant of any Town in this Province, nor having wherewithall to support himself Order dated Novem^r. 11th. & signed by two of the Selectmen, Viz^t. M^r. Pemberton & M^r. Mason & M^r. Samuel Whitwell an Overseer.

M^r. Farmer was also directed to receive one James Thompson a sick Stranger. Order dated Novr. 29. & signed by the above named Selectmen, Viz^t., M^r. Pemberton & M^r. Mason — & by M^r. Samuel Whitwell an Overseer.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Decem^r. 11, 1771. Present, Jackson, Hancock, Pemberton, Inches, Mason.

The Tanners attended & complain'd that M^r. Bryant had broke his Agreement respecting the Hydes brought.

Voted, that M^r. Bryant be turned out of the Market.

[**152.**] Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Decem^r. 14, 1771. Present, Hancock, Inches, Mason, Storer.

The Selectmen having again taken up the affair of the Stalls Leased to Bryant, after due consideration came into the following Vote —

Whereas it appears to us that it is for the Interest of the Town of Boston that M^r. Bryant be immediately removed from the Stalls in Faneuil Market now occupied by him therefore Voted unanimously that the said John Bryant remove all his effects out of Faneuil Hall market and deliver up said Stalls on or before Monday next at One OClock P.M. and that he the said Bryant be served with a Copy of this Vote.

Boston Decem^r. 14, 1771.

Agreable to the above Vote, the Selectmen took ——— Vose & ——— as Witnesses, and warned M^r. John Bryant to leave his Stalls on or before One OClock Monday next, the Town Clerk also served him with a Copy of the above Vote.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen, Decem^r. 16, 1771, A.M. Present, Jackson, Hancock, Pemberton, Mason, Storer.

Capt. Beals attended, and informed the Selectmen that he had received into his House as a Boarder one Thomas Cawlin from Newhaven in Connecticut; who is taken with a Fever & has not wherewithall to support himself, whereupon D^r. Warren was directed to visit him as a Physician.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Select men, Decem^r. 16, 1771. P.M. Present, Jackson, Hancock, Pemberton, Inches, Mason.

M^r. James Bryant applys to the Selectmen praying [**153.**] That he may have the Stalls in the market, which his Brother John improved for some time past.

Voted, that the consideration of M^r. Bryants request be referred over to Wednesday next.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen, Decem^r. 18, 1771. Present, Jackson, Hancock, Pemberton, Mason, Storer.

Passed upon William Dickmans Province Account amounting as by Copy on file to £. 4–18.

The Tanners of this Town attended and presented a Petition to the Selectmen praying that Mr. John Robinson may have the Stalls in Faneuil Hall market, lately occupied by Mr. John Bryant.

Mr. Love was directed to go over to Roxbury, and bring from their Almshouse one Mrs. Cleasby (?) who he is to carry to our Almshouse.

Mr. James Bryant applys to the Selectmen for the hire of the five Stalls on the North Corner.

The Selectmen have Agreed to meet at 10 OClock next Saturday & to warn ———

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen, Decemr. 21, 1771. Present, Jackson, Hancock, Pemberton, Inches, Mason, Storer.

Renew'd (?) the Jury Box.

Ordered, that the Assize of Bread be set at Wheat at 6/3. p. Bushel & that 6d. p Bushel be allowed to the Bakers for their Charges Pains & Livelihood which is computed as follows, Vizt. —

	lb.	oz.	dr.
a 4d. Brown Loaf ¾ Wheat ¼ Rye Meal must weigh	2 –	11	
a 4d. Ditto not above ½ Indian Meal, do.	3 –	12	
Bisket of a Copper price - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - -			4–9–

[154.] Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen, Jany. 1, 177*1* (*sic*). Present, Jackson, Pemberton, Mason, Storer

Mr. John Fleet informs that he has taken into his Family as a Maid Servant one Esther Crawford, who came to this Town from Townsend at the Eastward; she got here about three Weeks past & was received by Mr. Fleet the 3d. of December.

The following was sent the Assessors.

Gentlemen

It is our Opinion that the following Persons Inhabitants of other Towns in this Province ought to be taxed here for the Real Estate they Occupy, and the business they do here, it being agreable to Law, Vizt.

The Honble. James Russel Esq.
Ralph Inman Esq.
Joseph Palmer & Compy.
Elisha Doane Esq.

We are
Gentlemen
Your hum. Servts.
JOSEPH JACKSON
JOHN RUDDOCK
SAMUEL PEMBERTON
HENDERSON INCHES
JONATHAN MASON
Selectmen of Boston.

To
The Assessors of the Town of Boston.
Boston December 28, 1771

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen, Jany. 8, 1772. Present, Jackson, Pemberton, Mason.

[**155.**] Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Jany. 15th. 1772. Present, Jackson, Hancock, Storer, Pemberton, Mason.

M^{r}. Paul Farmer Keeper of the Almshouse was directed by two of the Selectmen vizt. Mr. Hancock & Mason, to receive into the Almshouse on the Province charge one Mary Blake a Stranger who is not an Inhabitant of this Province neither has she wherewithall to support herself, Order sign'd by Sam. Whitwell Overseer dated Jany. 4.

M^{r}. Paul Farmer Keeper of the Almshouse was directed to receive into the Almshouse one William Checus (?) a sick stranger who is not an Inhabitant of any Town in this Province nor having wherewithall to support himself, Order signed by M^{r}. Hancock & M^{r}. Mason, Selectmen, & Sam. Partridge Overseer. & dated Augt. 10, 1771.

Capt. Read master of Engine N. 5: appeared, and desired the Selectmen to appoint another Master of said Engine in his room, his age & Infirmities obliging him to resign.

Mem^{o}. Coll^{o}. Jackson received of Brookers Donation Interest Mony of Fullerton, Minot, Grant & Haskill. £. 42–8–

Distributed as follows

Widow Loring - Hatter - - -	4 Dollars	M^{r}. Hancock distributes
M^{rs}. Ruth Loring - - - -	4 Dollars	
Widow Oliver - - - - - -	4 d^{o}.	
Widow Lee - - - - - -	4 d^{o}.	
Widow Nichols - - - - - -	4 d^{o}.	
Widow Hodges - - - - - -	4 d^{o}.	
Widow Bridge - - - - - -	4 d^{o}.	Coll^{o}. Jackson distributes
Widow Fowle - - - - - -	4 d^{o}.	
Widow Metret - - - - - -	4 d^{o}.	
Widow Draper - - - - - -	4 d^{o}.	M^{r}. Mason d^{o}. carried over
Widow Biggs - - - - - -	4 d^{o}.	
Widow E. Loring - - - - -	4 d^{o}.	
Widow Delaplace - - - - -	4 d^{o}.	
Widow Mitchel - - - - - -	4 d^{o}.	
[**156.**] Widow Stone - - -	4 Dollars	M^{r}. Pemberton distributes
Widow Coleman - - - - -	4 d^{o}.	
M^{rs}. Lobden - - - - - -	4 d^{o}.	
Widow Robins - - - - - -	4 d^{o}.	M^{r}. Rudstock d^{o}.
Widow Brooks - - - - - -	4 d^{o}.	
Widow Hicks - - - - - -	4 d^{o}.	

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen, Jany. 22^{d}. 1771. Present, Col^{o}. Jackson, M^{r}. Pemberton, Deac^{n}. Mason, Captn. Ruddock, Dea^{c}. Storer.

Mr. Shubael Hewes Appointed Master of the Engine No. 5 in the room of Mr. Read who resigned

Distributed to the following persons of the Interest monies arise-ing from Brookers donation —

Widow Downes - - -	four Dollars		dld. Mason.
Widow Murray - - -	do.	do.	
Widow Caswell - - -	do.	do.	
Widow Glover - - -	do.	do.	
Widow Allin - - -	do.	do.	
Widow McCloud - - -	do.	do.	
Widow Kneeland - -	do.	do.	- do. Mr. Pemberton
Widow Dodge - - -	do.	do.	- do. Mr. Ruddo—

Mr. Nathaniel Hall presents a Petition praying that he may be approbated as a Retailer of Spiritous Liquors at his Distill House in Back Street North End, in the room of Mr. John Gould deceased.

The Constables appeard & proposed next Wednesday for a Town Meeting for the choice of Jurymen, for February Court agreable to a Venire received for that purpose which time was approved of by the Selectmen.

[157.] Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen 29', 1772. Present, Jackson, Ruddock, Pemberton, Mason, Storer.

Let the Wharff adjoining to the Battery to Majr. Ruddock for Five years, reserving the Communication to and from the Battery at £. 13-6.8. to commence 25'. March next, he to fill up the holes & leave ye Premisses in ye same Repair, he receives them.

[memo. to suspend the matter.]

Gilbert Sharp Master of Engine No. — applys for the Premium allowed by the Town for bringing his Engine to work first upon the Fire which lately broke out near the New Brick Meeting House.

Voted, that he have a draft for his Premium.

drawn for --

Ordered that the Assize of Bread be set at Wheat at 6/3 p. Bushel and that 6d. p. Bushel be allowed to the Bakers for their Charges Pains and Livelihood, which is computed as follows, Vizt.

	lb.	oz.	dr.
A 4d. Brown Loaf ¾ Wheat ¼ Rye meal must weigh	2	11	–
4 do. - - not above ½ Indian meal - - - - - - - - - -	3	12	
Bisket of a Copper price - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - -		4	9

Mr. Nathaniel Hall approbated as a Retailer at his distill house in Back Street North End in the room of John Gould deceased.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen, Feby. 5, 1772. Present, Jackson, Pemberton, Ruddock, Mason, Storer.

Passed upon Samuel Hartleys Province Account amounting as p. Copy on file to £. 14-5-8-

William Sutton Master of Engine No. 7 apply'd for the Premium, allowed by the Town for bringing his Engine to work first at the Fire which lately broke out at Blowers Building King Street.

Voted, that he have a draft accordingly.

drawn for, Jany. draft.

Mr. Barret one of the Officers for seizing Coal Baskets, appeared & Informed that he was sued, for taking a Coal Basket which had been condemned by Justice Avery & cited to appear at Stoughton.

The Selectmen agreed to support the Officer in the legal Execution [158.] of his Office.

Mr. Jenkins Master of Engine No. 3, presented Mr. John Minzies as a suitable Person for his Engine Compy. in the room of John Roberts deceased, who was accordingly accepted.

Mr. Paul Farmer was directed to receive into the Almshouse to be supported at the Province charge one Sarah Hartshorne & two of her Children, who are Strangers and not Inhabitants of any Town in this Province nor having wherewithall to support themselves, Order signed by two of the Selectmen, vizt., Collo. Jackson & Majr. Ruddock & one Overseer, vizt. Mr. Daniel Waldo.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Feby. 12, 1772. Present, Jackson, Pemberton, Inches, Mason.

At a Meeting of the Selectmen & Justices & Overseers A Walk or Visitation of the Town was Agreed upon this Day as p. Account of particulars on file.

Charles Hannock returned the Key of the Town house Cellar Feby. 7.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen, Feby. 19, 1772. Present, Jackson, Inches, Mason.

Mr. Paul Farmer was directed to receive into the Almshouse on the Province charge, one James Martin a Sick Stranger, not an Inhabitant of any Town in this Province nor having wherewithall to support himself.

Order signed by Collo. Jackson & Mr. Mason Selectmen & William Greenleaff an Overseer.

[159.] Mr. Paul Farmer was directed to receive into the Almshouse to be supported at the Province Charge, David Dolbear his Wife and Child, they not being Inhabitants of any Town in this Province nor having wherewithall to support themselves.

Order dated Feby. 14, & signed by Collo. Jackson & Mr. Mason two of the Selectmen, and William Greenleaff an Overseer.

Mr. Paul Farmer was directed on the 15 Inst. by two of the Selectmen vizt. Collo. Jackson & Mr. Mason & Mr. William Greenleaff an Overseer, one George Downing a sick Stranger not an Inhabitant of any Town in this Province nor having wherewithall to support himself.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen, Feby. 20, 1772. Present, Jackson, Mason.

The Overseers and Justices made Report of the State of their several Wards as p. the Papers on File.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Feby. 26, 1772. Present, Jackson, Hancock, Pemberton, Inches, Mason, Storer.

Ordered, that the Assize of Bread be set at Wheat at 6/3 p. Bushel, and that 6^{d}. p. bushel be allowed to the Bakers for their Charges Pains and Livelihood, which is computed as follows, Viz^{t}.

	lb.	oz.	dr.
A 4^{d}. Brown Loaf $\frac{3}{4}$ Wheat $\frac{1}{4}$ Rye Meal must weigh	2	11	
" 4 d^{o}. not above $\frac{1}{2}$ Indian Meal d^{o}. - - - - -	3	12	
Bisket of a Copper price - - - - - - - - - - - "	4	9	

Ordered, that M^{r}. Henderson have his Bonds as Collector for the Year 1770 delivered up to him, he having produced his Receipts in full from the several Treasurers, & had a draft for his Premium.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen, Feby. 27, 1772. Present, Jackson, Hancock, Pemberton, Inches, Mason, Storer.

[**160.**] The Committee appointed by the Town on the 2^{d}. of April last to apply to a proper Person to deliver an Oration on the 5 March next attended and acquainted the Selectmen, that in pursuance of the Order of the Town they had apply'd to D^{r}. Warren, who has accepted; and as it appeared by the Vote of the Town that the Oration is to be delivered on the 5. of March 1772. the Comm^{ee}. inform the Selectmen of their proceedings, that a Town Meeting may be called on the said 5. of March, that they may be notified thereof that the Vote of the Town may be carried into execution on said Day accordingly.

The Selectmen having the aforegoing matter into consideration, and the Question being put, passed in the Negative.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen March 2^{d}. 1772.—Present, Jackson, Hancock, Inches, Mason, Storer.

Passed upon M^{r}. Paul Farmers Province Accounts amounting as by Copys on file to £.516. 7. 4, & £. 39- 10- 5½.

The Selectmen received a Petition from a number of the Inhabitants praying that a Town Meeting. may be called to Receive the Report of the Committee appointed to procure an Oration to be delivered on the 5. of March Ins^{t}. and the same having been taken into Consideration.

Voted, that a Town Meeting be called on Thursday next 9. OClock Before Noon.

Voted, that M^{r}. Isaiah Thomas have the printing of the Notifications.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen, March 4, 1772.—Present, Jackson, Hancock, Inches, Mason, Storer.

[**161.**] Passed upon several Accounts

Voted, that the Town Clerk be directed to issue a Warrant for the Annual March Meeting, the 9 of this Ins^{t}.

Voted, that M^{r}. Byles have the printing of the Notifications for the insuing Town Meeting

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen, March 5, 1772 a.m. Present, Jackson, Hancock, Inches, Mason.

Voted, that the Rev^{d}. M^{r}. Lothrop be desired to open the Annual March Meeting with Prayer. Prayer was made by the Rev^{d}. M^{r}. Hirst it being his turn.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen March 13, 177*1* (*sic*). Present, Messrs. Scollay, Marshall, Austin.

Ordered, that the Assize of Bread be set a Wheat at 6/ 3 p Bushel and that 6^{d}. p. Bushel be allowed to the Bakers for their Charges Pains and Livelihood, which is computed as follows, Viz^{t}.

	lb.	oz.	dr.
A 4^{d}. Brown Loaf $\frac{3}{4}$ Wheat $\frac{1}{4}$ Rye meal must weigh	2	11	
a 4^{d}. Ditto, not above $\frac{1}{2}$ Indian Meal must weigh	3	12	
Bisket of a Copper price - - - - - - - - - - -		4	9

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen March 18 1772.— Present, Scollay, Hancock, Newell, Marshall, Austin.

M^{r}. Cade attended, and pray'd the Select men that M^{r}. Joseph Edmands may be joined with him in the care of the North Burying Ground, whereupon.

Voted, that M^{r}. Edmands be accordingly appointed with M^{r}. Cade to the care of the North Burying Ground.

M^{r}. Dolbear a poor man, sent here from Situate in Rhode Island Government, attended with the Keeper of the [Almshouse & praying that himself & Wife may be be (*sic*) sent [**162.**] To the Town of Mendon by Warrant, as they are proper Inhabitants of said Town. Whereupon — the Town Clerk was directed to write a Letter to the Selectmen of Mendon informing them that said Dolbear & Wife were Infirm & being unable to provide for themselves were sent to the Almshouse; & that they must expect to defrey the charge of their maintenance while there.

M^{r}. Paul Farmer Keeper of the Almshouse was directed by two of the Selectmen viz. M^{r}. Scollay & M^{r}. Newell & one Overseer viz. M^{r}. William Greenleaff to receive into said House to be supported at the Province Charge one William Moore a lame Stranger who is not an Inhabitant of any Town in this Province nor has he wherewithall to support himself. Order signed 14′ Ins^{t}.

The Town Clerk is directed to procure for the Selectmen a Book lately published intitled an Abridgement of the Province Laws — and also to get the late Province Acts added to the Law Books.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen March 23^{d}. 1772. Messrs. Scollay, Hancock, Newell, Austin, Marshall.

The following Letter was sent to the Selectmen of Mendon.

Boston March 19. 1772.

Gentlemen

This is to acquaint you that one David Dolbear with his Wife and Child has been sent to this Town from Rhode Island Govern-

ment, by a Warrant for that purpose but upon inquiry and examination it appears that said Dolbear possessed a Real Estate in Mendon, and resided upon it a considerable time, and consequently become an Inhabitant of said Town. He is now in our Almshouse and has some Household Goods which were sent with him from Rhode Island; but as he is Aged and infirm and neither himself or Wife able to travel on foot. [**163.**] We give you this notice, that you may take such methods as you think proper to convey him to Mendon, and so prevent any further charge falling upon your Town.

By Order of the Selectmen.
WILLIAM COOPER Town Clerk

Mr. Veasy proposes to give up the Shop he hires of the Town, which is near the Consert Hall; as soon as his Quarter is up.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen, March 25. 1772 Present Messrs. Scollay, Hancock, Newell, Marshall, Austin, Wendell.

Mr. Scollay in the Chair.

Mr. Hancock & Newell a Committee to Settle with Coll. Henshaw Respecting Mrs. Brookers Donation & receiving the Bonds &c.

Ordered that the Assize of Bread be set at Wheat at 6/3 p. bushel and that 6d. p. Bushel be allowed to the Bakers for their Charges Pains and Livelihood, which is computed as follows — Vizt.

	lb.	oz.	dr.
A 4d. Brown Loaf ¾ Wheat ¼ Rye Meal must weigh	2–	11	
A 4 Ditto, not above ½ Indian Meal	3–	12	
Bisket of a Copper price	"	4–	9

The Selectmen have agreed upon the Petition of Joseph Thorp, to view a peice of Land near the Fortification, which he desires may be Leased to him for the purpose of carrying on the Potters Business.

Mr. William Whitwell has agreeable to his Obligation given to the Selectmen of 1768. paid into the present Selectmen One hundred Dollars to be distributed as Premiums for the Raising of Mulberry Trees — which money was delivered to Mr. Hancock, to keep for the purposes expressed by the Donors.

[**164.**] Mr. White Tallow Chandler apply'd to the Selectmen for their consent to his erecting a Tallow Chandlers House on a peice of Land near the Mill Creek.

The Town Clerk is directed to apply to the Town Treasurer for a particular Account of all the Real Estate Incomes &c. belonging to the Town of Boston, as also of what Quit Rents are coming in.

It is Agreed by the Selectmen, to meet punctually at 4. O'Clock P.M. for the dispatch of the Towns Business untill the Month of September next, and if any one of the Selectmen is prevented attending, it is expected that a Billet will be lodged at the Chambers, giving notice thereof.

It is also Agreed by the Selectmen, that they will pass upon all Accounts, given in, on the last Wednesday of every Month.

It is also Agreed that the Chair shall be taken in monthly Rotation, by the respective Selectmen.

The Town Clerk is directed to write unto Mr. Lewis of Roxbury & Mr. Enoch Brown on the Neck, to be at the Selectmens Chamber on Wednesday next.

Mr. Hancock & Mr. Wendell a Committee to take care of the Common, and to order necessary Repairs to Bank &c.

The Selectmen gave Coll°. Jackson a late Selectman, a Receit for four several Bonds, vizt —

a Bond of Peter Oliver & William Clerk for 433. oz Silver dated 14'. May 1746.

a Bond of Samuel Millers dated Septem^r. 2^d. 1747. for £. 100- Old tenor.

another Bond of Samuel Millers for £. 100. o Tenor, dated 26' June 1747.

a Bond of Samuel Haskels for £. 200 — dated the 20' Decem^r. 1768. being these he received of the Executors of M^rs. Brookers Will, for which he gave his Receipt — which Bonds are now put in the File of Selectmens Bond.

[165.] Interest Received in full on his Bond of M^r. Grant the 23^d. March Inst. being £. 10. lawful money, part of the Moneys lent out of Brookers Donation.

M^rs. Fowle, Widow, had four Dollars out of M^rs. Brookers money p. order of the Selectmen, which money was given Coll°. Marshal to deliver her.

Mem°. M^r. Newell has Nine pounds fourteen Shillings, in his hands. see Aprill ———

The Selectmen have Agreed to visit the Alms House in order to view the Province Poor, on Fryday next 11. OClock, in order to determine which of them are fit to leave the House.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen April 1, 1772. Present, Messrs. Scollay, Hancock, Newell, Marshall, Austin, Wendell.

Mr. Scollay in the Chair.

M^r. Shubael Hewes Master of Engine N°. — applys to the Selectmen for the Premium allowed by the Town to his Compy. for bringing their Engine to work first at the Fire which broke out this morning at M^r. Cordis' House in King Street.

drawn for.

Voted, that he have a draft for his Premium being 13/4.

M^r. Veasy delivered up the Key of the shop he hired of the Town, near Concert Hall, this Day —

Messrs. Pollard & Winnut. being about giving up the Store they have hired of the Town M^r. Henry Humphreys a Stranger proposes to take it up on the same terms.

M^r. Tileston has discharged the three years Interest on his Bond for £. 60. being M^rs. Brookers Donation — the Interest amounting to £. 10-16- lawful money.

[166.] The Selectmen having view'd the peice of Land M^r.

Thorp proposed to Lease of the Town for the purpose of the Potters Business cannot fall in with the proposal without the approbation of the Town first obtain'd.

The Selectmen cannot consent to Mr. Whites erecting a Tallow Chandlers Shop near the Mill Creek, as it does not appear to be agreeable to the Neighbours.

The Selectmen have let a Warehouse lately hired by Mr. Pollard & Winnut; to Mr. Henry Humphreys, and the Town Clerk is directed to take his Obligation with another hand to it, for the payment of the Rent, to be of the same tenor with Mess. Winnut & Pollards.

The Town Clerk is directed to acquaint the Town Treasurer, that he may settle Mess. Pollard & Winnut's Rent to this Day tho. his Quarter is not up.

Mr. Austin & Mr. Wendell, a Committee to view Master Lovels Fence, and Report what Repairs is necessary.

The following Letter was sent Judge Oliver ·

Sir,

The Selectmen have been informed by Collo. Jackson, who was of their Board the last year, that you had assured him that agreeable to their desire the Bond given by your self and the late Dr. Clark to Mrs. Brooker which now rests with them, would have been paid off, before you left the Town: As this has not been done they now renew their request, that you would immediately discharge the same, but if this should not suit your present convenience, they then expect you will as soon as possible give them a new Obligation with good Sureties for the Sum now due as principle & Interest on the Old Bonds. The Selectmen cannot but hope that you will excuse their thus importuning you, as it wholly proceeds, from compassion to the poor Widows [**167.**] for whom They are appointed Trustees in Mrs. Brookers Will, & a concern to avoid the imputation of unfaithfull Steward.

By Order of the Selectmen
WILLIAM COOPER Town Clerk

Boston March 30 1772.

The Honble. Peter Oliver Esq.

The Sum of £20 – 10 / in the Selectmens hands, of Mrs. Brookers Donation, was distributed as follows Vizt.

The Widow Bass
The Widow Bardall } Distributed by Mr. Scollay
Mrs. Muggeridge

The Widow Wendell — Mr. Cooper

The Widow Wheeler
Mrs. Thayers
Mrs. Martin } Mr. Austin
Widow Oliver

Mrs. Butler
Mrs. Molly Kittle } Collo. Marshall
Widow Delaplaec

Mrs. Leblond }
Mrs. Newell } Deacon Newell
Widow Nichols }
Mrs. Miller } Mr. Wendell
Mrs. Welch }
Widow Lee Mr. Hancock

memo. Four Dollars each were dld. them.

Collo. Henshaw desires of the Selectmen that he may have the refusal of Deer Island, when Mr. Pratts Lease expires.

[**168.**] Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen April 8, 1772. A.M. Present, Messrs. Scollay, Newell, Marshall, Austin, Wendell.

Mr. Scollay in the Chair.

The Selectmen received a Letter from Robert Hooper Esq. of Marblehead dated 6th. Inst. acquainting them that his Briggne. Amhurst left London the 4th March & the Downs the 8th that a Person on Board was taken with the Small Pox, but had it so favourably, that he has been able to do duty a fortnight past. That their being Hemp Lines & Lemmons between Decks, the Selectmen of Marblehead had ordered the Briggandine for Rainsfords Island; but there was no other Person on board as the Captain declared, liable to take the Distemper — whereupon —

Voted, that the following Letter be sent Mr. Hartleys Keeper of the Hospital. — Vizt. —

Boston April 8. 1772.

Mr. Samuel Hartley

Having received a Letter from Mr. Hooper, of Marblehead Owner of the Briggandine Amhurst, informing that said Vessel left the Downs the 8th of March, & that a Person on board was taken with the Small Pox, but has been so well as to have been able to do duty for about a fortnight past — that there is no other Person on board to have the Distemper but that there is Hemp Lines & Lemmons &c. between Decks; and that the Selectmen of Marblehead had ordered the Vessel to Rainsfords Island, where they expect due care will be taken to cleanse the Vessel and Goods from Infection — Our Orders to you are that you do not suffer the Vessel to come up till you have our permission, and that you do not permit any Person to go on board or leave the Vessel — that you receive all such Articles on Shore as the Captain shall deliver you, and any one of the Seamen or Passengers that you suspect may be liable to take the Infection, must be received into the Well House. Smoke the Letters thoroughly and then send or bring them up immediately [**169.**] to the Post Office; you must smoke the Briggne & examine the Circumstances both of Vessel and Cargo, and Report the same to us as soon as possible when you will have our further Orders.

JOHN SCOLLAY
TIMOTHY NEWELL
COLLO. MARSHALL
SAMUEL AUSTIN
OLIVER WENDELL
Selectmen of Boston

The Committee to view Mr. Lovels Fence Report That the Fence is so much out of Repair, that it will be best to Erect a new one — where upon —

Voted, that the Committee be desired to see the same effected.

Boston Ss: At a meeting of the Selectmen April 8, 1772. P.M. Present, Messrs. Scollay, Newell, Marshall, Austin, Wendell.

Mr. Scollay in the Chair.

Six Petit Jurors for April Court were drawn out of the Box.

Received of Mr. George Minot one years Interest of his Bond for £200 to 30. of December last being Mrs. Brookers Donation; the same being Twelve pounds lawful, was taken by Deacon Newell Distributed as follows — Vizt —

Mrs. Flatt	4 Dollars	Deacon Newell
Mrs. Chapel	4 do.	Deacon Newell
Mrs. Wise	4 do.	Deacon Newell
Mrs. Eustis	4 do.	Mr. Scollan
Mrs. Eustis	4 do.	Mr. Wendell
Mrs. Hawkins	4 do.	Mr. Austin
Mrs. Nuttage	4 do.	Mr. Marshall
Mrs. Salter	4 do.	Mr. Marshall
Mrs. Marion	4 do.	Mr. Marshall
Mrs. Wainwright	4 do	Mr. Hancock p. Cooper
	40 Dollars.	

[170.] The Selectmen have lately visited the Almshouse to examine into the Circumstances of the Province Poor, and do not find any of them fit to be sent out of the House except one William Ranchon & James Oytis — who have since left the Hospital.

Mr. Paul Farmer Keeper of the Almshouse was directed to receive into the House to be supported at the Province Charge one Elizabeth Mumfort a sick Stranger not an Inhabitant of any Town in this Province nor having wherewithall to support herself — Order signed by Mr. Scollay & Mr. Newell Selectmen & Mr. Daniel Waldo an Overseer — and signed April 3d.

Boston Ss: At a meeting of the Selectmen, April 9, 1772. Present, Mess. Scollay, Newell, Marshall, Austin.

Mr. Hartley attended, and informed the Selectmen that he had been on board Capt. Dixys Briggandine, that he does not find that there is any Passengers in the Ship, nor any of the Hands liable to receive the Infection — that there is Hemp & other Articles between Decks which require smoking &c. whereupon the following Letter was given Mr. Hartley

Boston April 9. 1772

Mr. Samuel Hartley

You must take down with you what Brimstone Vinegar &c. may be necessary to cleanse Capt. Dixys Briggne. and the Goods be-

tween Decks &c. you must thoroughly smoke the Letters and then send them up immediately to the Post Office — You must take all the Bedding and Clothing of the People on Shore, and cleanse and air them sufficiently, and the Person who has had the Small Pox must go the Well house; for an airing and smoking, and no one must be suffered to go on board or leave the Vessel without our permission therefor — We expect you take the utmost care to prevent the Infections being communicated, and Report to us again as soon as you are able —

JOHN SCOLLAY
TIMOTHY NEWELL
THOMAS MARSHALL
SAM. AUSTIN
Selectmen

[171.] Major Dawes has made application to the Selectmen for the use of thirty Small Arms belonging to the Town, in order to exercise a new Company of Grenadiers — whereupon,

Voted, That the request of Major Daws be granted, he giving a Receipt for the Small Arms, and engaging to return them in good Order, when required.

Boston Ss: At a meeting of the Selectmen April 19, — 1772. Present, Scollay, Newell, Austin, Wendell.

Mr. Samuel Hartley Keeper of the Hospital at Rainsfords Island, attended, and informs the Selectmen that he had taken on shore, the Bedding Clothing &c. of Capt. Dixys People, which are now well smoked & cleansed, and the People washed with Vinegar, — that he had taken all the Hemp between Decks, on shore as also the Lemmons & Spare Sails, that some of the Lines are loose between Decks, some in Casks & all has been smoked as well as the Vessel, and that they are still going on with smoking & the Briggne. may now leave the Island with safety — whereupon —

Voted, that the following Letter be sent to Marblehead.

Boston April 14. 1772

Mr. Samuel Hartley

You having Reported to us that you had proceeded according to our directions in smoking & cleansing Capt. Dixeys Vessel Bedding Clothing &c. as also the Lines &c. between Decks. Our farther Orders are that you take all the loose Lines which are between Decks, on shore & well smoke and air them — And you having given it as your Opinion that the Briggne. may now leave the Island with safety, we hereby permit you to let said Vessel depart giving the Vessel & the Mens Clothing another good smoking &c. as you cannot be too careful in your endeavors to prevent a spread of the Infection — Youl take care to have a Reimburstmt. of the Expence you have been at in cleansing Capt. Dixys Vessel &c.

J. SCOLLAY
T. NEWELL
T. MARSHALL
O. WENDELL
Selectmen of Boston

P.S. The Capt's. Wife must have a shift of Clothes before she departs and when you have thoroughly aired & smoked ye Goods you take on shore present the same to us.

[172.] Boston April 14′ 1772

Gentlemen

This is to acquaint you that the Keeper of the Hospital at Rainsfords Island having Reported to us that the Briggandine Amhurst Capt. Dixy owned in your Town and ordered here on account of the Small Pox has been sufficiently smoked and cleansed and the Goods between Decks liable to retain Infection being taken on shore, we have permitted the Vessel to depart for Marblehead, not doubting but she may do it with safety to your Inhabitants — We are Gentlemen

Your Most Hum. Servt.

John Scollay
Timothy Newell
Samuel Austin
Oliver Wendell

To the Selectmen of Marblehead.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen, April 15th. 1772 Present, Mess. Scollay, Newell, Marshall, Austin, Wendell.

Mr. William Daws desires leave of the Selectmen to break Ground in order to clear the drain leading to the Conduit near the Dock. Whereupon

Voted, that liberty be granted he making good the Ground to the satisfaction of the Selectmen —

Capt. Franklyne Master of Engine No. 9. presented Mr. John Spear, as a suitable Person for his Engine Company — whereupon — Voted, that he be accepted as an Engine Man.

Mr. Paul Farmer was directed to receive into the Almshouse to be supported at the Province Charge one Patrick Tobin a sick Stranger, he not being an Inhabitant of any Town in this Province nor having where withall to support himself — Order signed by Mr. Scollay & Mr. Austin, Selectmen & Mr. Samuel Whitwell, Overseer — & dated the 13′ Instant.

[173.] The Selectmen this Day paid unto Loammi Baldwin of Wobourn Forty Dollars being the Premium they adjudged to him for raising the greatest Number of Mulberry Trees agreeable to an advertisement, published in Edes & Gills Gazette 1768. for which a Receipt has been taken & an obligation, to dispose of one half the Trees, upon the Conditions mentioned in said Advertisement,— the same is filed among Bonds and Obligations —

The Selectmen this Day paid unto Mr. John Hay of Wobourn twenty Dollars being the Premium Adjudged him for raising the 3d greatest number of Mulberry Trees, for which his Receipt and Obligation has been taken, as on file.

The Selectmen this Day paid unto Mr. George Spriggs the Premium Adjudged him for raising the fourth largest Number of Mulberry Trees for which his Receipt and Obligation has been taken as on file.

Voted, that the Assize of Bread be altered upon application made by the Bakers, Ordered, that the Assize of Wheat be set at Wheat at 6/6 p. Bushel and that 6^{d}. p. Bushel be allowed to the Bakers, for their Charges Pains and Livelihood — which is computed as follows Viz^{t}.

	lb.	oz.	d.
A 4^{d} Brown Loaf ¾ Wheat ¼ Rye Meal must weigh	2	8	–
a 4^{d} d^{o}. not above ½ Indian - - - - - - - - - - - - - -	3	8	–
Bisket of a Copper price - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - -		4	6

M^{r}. Samuel Hasham Keeper of the Hospital at New Boston attended, and informed the Selectmen that he should leave the House in a day or two. And [**174.**] gave in the following List of Bedding &^{c}. now in the House—Viz^{t}.

3 Beds	1 Tea Kettle
6 pair of Sheets	2 pair of Dogs
2 Bolsters	1 Warming Pan
4 Plates	4 Candle Sticks
3 Porringers	2 Dippers
2 Skittles	Cribs
2 Shovel & Tongs	2 Benches
2 Close Stools and Pans	8 Blankets
2 Bed Pans	2 Pillow
6 Chairs	2 Bedsteads with Cords
2 Spout Cups	6 Mattresses
1 Hour Glass	3 Coverlids

Mem^{o}. besides ye Goods on the other side, M^{r}. Horsham sent p. order of the Selectmen to M^{r}. Hartley, for the use of that Hospital.

2 Beds	11 Pillows
3 pair Sheets	2 Bed Cords
1 Bolster	a ditto
20 Blankets	2 d^{o}.

M^{r}. Chairman & Deacon Newell a Committee to proceed to Cambridge on Fryday next, to give our Representatives the necessary information, respecting the Towns Petition to explain the Province Law relating to Strangers.

M^{r}. William Darrington attended & proposed to the Selectmen, to take the charge of the Hospital at New Boston — left by M^{r}. Hasham.

M^{r}. Scollay & M^{r}. Newell appointed a Comm^{e}. to make enquiry respecting M^{r}. Darrington & his Wife and if they find, that they are likely to answer for that service, that they then give him possession of s^{d}. House

[**175.**] The Town Clerk is directed to write again to the Selectmen of Mendon, respecting M^{r}. Dolbear.

The following Letter was wrote the Selectmen of Woodstock by Order of the Selectmen.

Boston April 8. 1772

Gentlemen

This is to acquaint you that one M^{r}. Bowen an Inhabitant of Woodstock who is much disorded in his Senses, has several times

come to this Town, & continued here to the trouble of his Brother the Rev^{d}. M^{r}. Bowen and the uneasiness and distress of the Inhabitants — We have not taken with respect to him the legal and usual method to remove Strangers, as we compassionate his Circumstances; and this is the second time we have contrived to send him home in a more private and easy manner — It will therefore highly Oblige us if you will be pleased upon his return to take some effectual method to prevent any future Excursions during his present disordered state of mind.

By Order of the Selectmen
William Cooper Town Clerk

To the Gentlemen the Selectmen of Woodstock —

The following Advertisement was published in the several News Papers p. order of the Selectmen —

Boston April 8 1772

The Publick were Advertised in the Supplement of Messrs. Edes and Gills Gazettee of August 15. 1768 —

That a Gentleman in Boston had deposited — One hundred Dollars, in the hands of the Selectmen of this Town to be by them distributed as Premiums to encourage the raising of Mulburry Trees in this Province, in the following manner (Viz^{t}) To the Person that shall have raised from the Seed the largest Number of said Trees in the Fall of the Year 1771 being two years and five Months old at least [**176.**] Fourty 40 Dollars; To the Person who shall have raised the next greatest 30 Dollars; To the Person raising the next largest number 20 Dollars; And to the Person that shall have raised the next greatest quantity 10 Dollars; provided Certificates are brought from a Justice of the Peace assertaining the Number and Age of said Trees; and that the Persons receiving these Premiums give the Selectmen their several Obligations to spare to any Inhabitants of this Province applying within eighteen months from the date hereof ten Trees at least for three Pence lawful Money p. Tree untill they have parted with one half of the Trees mentioned in the respective Certificates." Agreeable to the foregoing Advertisement the Selectmen after examining & comparing the Certificates which have been transmitted to them, have Adjudged the first Premium to M^{r}. Lohammi Baldwin of Wobourn; the second Premium to the Rev^{d}. M^{r}. Jason Haven of Dedham; the third to M^{r}. John Hay of Wobourn and the fourth to m^{r}. George Spriggs of Boston; And the Selectmen hereby Notify them that they will be ready at their Chamber in Faneuil Hall on the three following Wednesdays at 4. O'Clock Afternoon, to receive their several Obligations and pay their respective Premiums, agreeable to the desire, & engagement of the Gentleman who has thus generously excited the attention of the Publick to an article of Produce as natural to our Soil as it will be profitable to the Farmer; & which it is hoped will be so encouraged, as in a few years to afford Sustenance for such a number of Industrious Insects, as will make the Article of Raw Silk no inconsiderable Branch of Export from the Province.

By Order of the Selectmen
William Cooper Town Clerk

☞ Besides the Trees raised by the Persons above named, many thousands have been raised by those who were not entitled to the Bounty, the Trees not being of the Age prescribed in the advertisem^t. [**177.**] Altho' now fit to be transplanted; and if the Farmers in the neighbouring Towns are made acquainted a considerable number would doubtless meet a quick sale — The Mulberry Trees as D^r. Eliot in his essays upon Field Husbandry observes is of the quickest growth; is durable as Red Cedar, and may be used for Ship Timber, Window Frames, Gate Posts &c. and is very fit for Chests of Draws, Desks Tables & other Joiners Ware. If these Trees are principally intended to produce Food for the Silk Worm, it is best they should be planted in hedge Rows, as the Leaves may then be gathered by Women and Children.

Boston Ss: At a meeting of the Selectmen, April 22^d., 1772. Present, Scollay, Newell, Austin, Wendel.

The Clerk was directed to deliver M^r. Collector Hollyday his Bond for 1770. which was delivered accordingly.

The Clerk was directed to deliver M^r. Salter late Collector his Bond for 1770. which was delivered accordingly.

Coll^o. Hancock desired the use of Faneuil Hall to Exercise the Company of Cadets in the morning, which was granted.

Maj^r. Dows apply'd to the Selectmen for the use of Faneuil Hall, on Fryday Evening, in behalf of the Commissioned Officers — and for the use of the Hall, Tuesday Wednesday & Thursday to exercise his Company of Grenadeers which was granted.

The Artillery Comp^y. & Major Daws desired the use of Faneuil Hall on Monday Evening, for the business of Exercising which was granted.

M^r. Samuel Hartley Keeper of the Hospital at Rainsfords Island — attended and Reports — That he has on shore of the Goods which were between Decks in Capt. Dixy. vizt. 30 terces Bottle Beer stowed with Straw 3 hhds. of the same — 2 Hampers stowed with Straw 2 Trunks Merch^t. 2 Boxes Glass. 1 Keg, 2 Bales of Goods — 2 blls. of —— 8 Crates of Ware — 10 Boxes Lemmons 10 spare Sails, some loose Hemp & some loose Lines — that you have well smoked them [**178.**] and air'd them so thoroughly that in his Opinion they may be taken off the Island with safety — as also 2 chests of Clothes — whereupon the following Letter was given.

M^r. Hartley.

You having Reported to us that the Things taken out of Capt. Dixys Vessel which had been stowed between Decks, has been thoroughly smoked and cleansed and that in your Opinion they may leave the Island with safety — Our Orders are that you permit those Goods to be taken away after you have stript the Lemmons of the Paper they are packt in, and obtained satisfaction for your charge in cleansing, &^c.

By Order of the Selectmen,
WILLIAM COOPER, Town Clerk.

P.S. You must give the Goods another smoking.

Mrs. Cunningham informed that she had taken into her House as a Lodger one Cane [or Cone] a Seaman who was cast away in Capt. Head, and much brused.

Mr. William Dorrington was put into possession of the House at New Boston, being the Province Hospital for and during the pleasure of the Selectmen.

Mr. Dorrington informs that the Hospital House at New Boston requires glazing, and he was directed to apply to the Province Glazier, for the same.

Mary Maverick apply'd to the Selectmen for their permition to keep a Tavern at the Crown Coffee House, and she was not approved of accordingly.

Mr. Daniel Jones apply'd to the Selectmen for their approbation of him to keep a Tavern in the Royal Exchange Tavern so called in Kings street, he having lately removed to said House, and he was approved of accordingly.

Dr. Larry a sick Stranger in the Almshouse applyd for a passage to Newfoundland, in Capt. Tree who asks 30/ Ster. for his passage — Voted that he be permitted to depart & the Clerk is to discourse Capt. Tree relative to the same.

[179.] Mr. Scollay & Mr. Newell, a Committee to procure a passage for one Hayley a sick Chanler from Maryland, he came in Capt. Childs who died since he arrived.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen April 22d. 1772. Present, Messrs. Scollay, Hancock, Newell, Wendell.

Copy of the Inventory of the Stores of Hospital at new Boston & Mr. Dorringtons Receit which are on file.

Boston April 26. 1772.

Inventory of the Stores & Utensils belonging to the Province Hospital at New Boston, when mr. Hassom the late Keeper removed from thence.

1 Bed	2 Spout Cups
3½ pr. Sheets	1 Hour Glass
1 Bolster	2 pair Dogs
1 Pillow	1 Warming Pan
4 Plates	4 Candlesticks
3 Porringers	2 Dippers
2 Iron Skillets	Cribs, no number
2 Shovels & Tongs	2 Benches
3 Close Stools & 2 Pans	8 Blankets
2 Bed Pans	1 Coverlid
6 Chairs	

Memo. Mr. Hartley Keeper of the Hospital at Rainsfords Island has now in his possession sundry Articles belonging to the Hospital at New Boston — Vizt.

2 Beds	11 Pillows
4 pr. Sheets	2 Bedsteds with Cords
1 Bolster	6 Matresses
20 Blankets	2 Coverlids

Boston April 27. 1772.

I acknowledge to have received the several Articles specefied in the above Inventory; for the use of the Province Hospital at New

Boston, & hereby engage to account with the Selectmen of Boston for the same, and when required to deliver them up to the Selectmen of Boston for the time being

W^M^. DORRINGTON

Delivered M^r^. Sampson Salter a late Collector his Bond, for 1769.

[**180.**] M^r^. Presson & M^r^. Dyer apply'd to the Selectmen for the Repair of Sea Street.

Received of M^r^. John Fullerton two years Interest on his Bond being part of M^rs^. Brookers Donation to poor Widows &c. in full to the 3^d^. march 1772 — being £. 4–16/ — distributed on other side.

Ordered, that the Assize of Bread be set at Wheat at 6/16. p. Bushel, and that 6^d^. p. Bushel be allowed to the Bakers for their Charges pains and Livelihood, which is computed as follows — Viz^t^.

	lb.	oz.	dr.
A 4^d^. Loaf 3/4 Wheat 1/4 Rye meal must weigh - - -	2	8	–
a 4^d^. ditto not above 1/2 Indian - - - - - - - - - - - -	3	8	
Bisket of a Copper price - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - -		4	6

M^r^. Scollay M^r^. Newell & Coll^o^. Marshall a Committee to appoint a place in the Market; for the lodging of Fish for Sale.

M^r^. Samuel Hartley having Reported to us that the Boxes of Lemmons, which came out of Capt. Dixy are well smoked and aired — Vote that M^r^. Hartley be permitted to suffer them to be taken away, being first satisfied for his Charge, and that the Clerk give him Orders accordingly.

The following Directions were given M^r^. William Dorrington Keeper of the Hospital at New Boston — Viz^t^.

Boston April 27, 1772.

M^r^. William Dorrington

We having appointed you Keeper of the Province Hospital at New Boston under our care and inspection, and delivered up to your Keeping sundry Utensils belonging to said Hospital as specified in an Inventory taken thereof. Our Orders and directions are that you take proper care of these Articles and apply and use them only for the convenience & necessitys of such sick and diseased Persons as may from time to time [**181.**] be Sent to you. You must also take good care of the House and admit no unnecessary Visitors, and see that the several Apartments and Rooms for the sick are properly aired, and when any Repairs are wanted let us have speedy Information that so everything may be ready to receive any sick Persons upon the most sudden notice.

JOHN SCOLLAY,
JOHN HANCOCK,
TIMOTHY NEWELL,
THOMAS MARSHALL,
OLIVER WENDELL,
Selectmen of Boston.

The Four pounds sixteen Shillings rec'd of M^r^. Fullerton for Interest money as on the other side was distributed as follows — Viz^t^.

Mrs. Varney - - - - - - - - -	4 Dollars	Collo. Marshall
Mrs. Empson - - - - - - - - -	4 ditto	
Mrs. Russel - - - - - - - - - -	4 ditto	Deacon Newell
Mrs. Bartlet - - - - - - - - - -	4 ditto	Mr. Wendell

The Selectmen having received a Precept for the choice of Representatives.

Voted that the Town Clerk issue a Warrant for the Town Meeting on Wednesday next being 6 Inst. 10. O Clock A. M. and that the Selectmen meet to close the Warrt. Fryday 5. O Clock.

Collo. Marshall and Mr. Asten a Committee to invite the Revd. Dr. Chancey to open the Town Meeting with Prayer.

Mr. Curtis Hayward acquainted the Selectmen that he had received a Bull of Silas Hollis of Braintree in exchange for one sent him last Fall.

Mess. ; Scollay, Newell, Marshall & Wendell a Committee to see where Repairs are necessary for the Neck and to Report the same.

[182.] Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen, May 1, 1772. Present, Scollay, Hancock, Newell.

The Selectmen having finished the Notifications for May Meeting, the Clerk was directed to carry it to the Printers.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen May 2d. 1772. Present, Scollay, Marshall, Wendell.

Mess. Daniel Hubbard & David Green have been with the Selectmen, and acquainted them that the Briggne. ——— Capt. Crocker from Hyspaniola, came up into the Harbour the last Evening, who had lost a man with the Small Pox two Days ago, and that there was several of the People on board to have the Small Pox, that she was loaded with Sugar & molasses, whereupon the Briggn. was ordered immediately to Rainsfords Island — and the following Orders given Mr. Hartley Keeper of the Hospital.

Boston May 2d. 1772

Mr. Samuel Hartley

The Briggn. Two Brothers Captain Crocker from Hyspaniola, arrived in our Harbour from Hyspaniola the last Evening, and being informed by messrs. Hubbard & Green to whom the Vessel is Consigned, that a Person was buried with the Small Pox who died two Days ago, we have Ordered the Briggne. to Rainsfords Island & our directions to you are that you take the People who are liable to receive the Distemper on shore into the Well house and also receive every kind of Goods which may be likely to retain the Infection as also the Peoples clothing and smoke air & cleanse all those Articles together with the Vessel in the most thorough manner you must not suffer any one to go on board or leave the Vessel without our Orders & Report to us as soon as may be the Number of [183.] Sea Men and Passengers which come in the Briggandine. You must also enquire of the Captain

how he was permitted to pass the Castle and we depend upon your utmost care to prevent the Small Pox being communicated as soon as we hear from you we shall give you further Orders.

JOHN SCOLLAY
TIMOTHY NEWELL
THOMAS MARSHALL
SAMUEL AUSTIN
OLIVER WENDELL
JOHN HANCOCK
Selectmen of Boston

P.S. Enquire of the Captain what Questions he was asked at the Castle.

Boston May 2d. 1772

Capt. John Crocker

We are greatly surprised at being informed that you had come up unto this Harbour the last Evening, notwithstanding one of your People died with the Small Pox but two Days before by this Conduct you have incurred a very severe penalty — Our Orders are that you do not leave the Vessel to come up to this Town & that you give Mr. Hartley in Writing a true state of the situation of your Vessel and Cargo and a List of the People who came in the Briggandine, who of them are liable to the Infection and whether any of them have been on shore. Mr. Hartley will communicate to you what may be further necessary on your part. We shall apply to the Governor to know why you were suffered to pass the Castle

By Order of the Selectmen
WILLIAM COOPER Town Clerk

Boston May 4th. 1772

Mr. Samuel Hartley

You are directed to take out all the Bedding Chests & Clothing from the Briggn. Two Brothers and any other matters that retain infection, then give ye Vessel a thorough smoking & wash her out with Vinegar, also preparing a shift of Clothes for the Captain & men [184.] That have had the Small Pox & taking every other precaution you may permit the Vessel to come up the Harbour, but by no means suffer the men who have not had the Distemper to leave the Island

JOHN SCOLLAY
THOMAS MARSHALL
SAMUEL AUSTIN
OLIVER WENDELL
Selectmen of Boston

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen, May 6, 1772. Present, Mess. Hancock, Marshall, Inches, Wendell.

Mr. Hartley having Reported to the Selectmen that the Briggne. Two Brothers John Crocker master, from Hyspaniola which has been stopt at Rainsfords Island on Acct. of the Small Pox, is now so well smoked and air'd as that she may leave the Island with safety.

Voted that the said Vessel may be permitted to come out to Town and that Orders be given to Hartley accordingly.

A certificate of the usual tenor was given the Governor in order for the Brigg^{ne}. passing the Castle and a Letter wrote M^{r}. Hartley.

Coll^{o}. Jackson craves liberty to open a Drain before his House in Order for Repairs.

M^{r}. Sampson Salter prays liberty for himself & others to lay a new Drain or Common Shore in Leveret Street.

The following Letter was wrote M^{r}. Hartley

Boston May 11, 1772.

M^{r}. Samuel Hartley

You having Reported to the Selectmen that you had sufficiently cleansed and air'd the Bedding Clothes &^{c}. taken out of the Brigg^{ne}. Two Brothers Capt. Crocker master and that they may be taken from the Island without any danger of Infection it is therefore our Orders that you deliver the above Articles to Capt. Crocker he satisfying you for the charge you have been at a —

John Scollay
Tim^{y}. Newell
Sam. Austin
Selectmen.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen May. 13, 1772. Present, Scollay, Hancock, Newell, Marshall, Austin.

M^{r}. Frankland Master of Engine N°. 9; presented to the Selectmen for their approbation, William Fenno [**185.**] as an Engine Man in their Company in the room of George Roulston, who has left the service; and he was accordingly accepted.

M^{r}. Thomas Parker appeared, and asked liberty of the Selectmen, for building Six New Tombs in the Burying Ground in the Common — Liberty was accordingly granted, he giving his obligation to the Selectmen to keep the Wall good.

James Crocker Master of the Brigg^{ne} Two Brothers who lately came up this Harbour, notwithstanding he had buried a Man with the Small Pox but a few Days before, attended — & pray'd the Selectmen would not prosecute him for this breach of Law; assuring them that it was through ignorance that he had offended, he being a Stranger, & acting no otherwise, than was done in Connecticut under such circumstances, when the Vessel has been smoked & cleansed, & every necessary precaution taken, as was the case with him, excepting coming up with his Brigg.

The Selectmen have considered this Matter, it was determined not to prosecute for the Penalty incurred, but to admonish him for his offence, and he was accordingly admonished.

M^{r}. Paul Farmer Keeper of the Almshouse was directed to receive into said House a young Child named James Thompson Son of one Carr a Schoolmasters Wife on board the Captain Man of War, Admiral Montague, said Car neglecting the Child, who is not an Inhabitant of any Town in this Province and of whom nothing can be obtain'd for its support — Order was signed by two of the Selectmen — Viz^{t}. John Scollay & John Hancock Esq.

Passed upon Mr. Samuel Austins Province Account for the passage of one Michael Larry a poor Stranger to Newfound Land, paid Capt. Tree by his Receipt amounting to £. 2 — lawful money.

William Walker a Taylor having apply'd for the Shop near Mr. Willistons House it was agreed by the Selectmen that he should have the same at ye Rent of £. 3 6/8 p. Annum to commence the 11 Inst.

[**186.**] 1771 Decemr. (in Margin)

A List of the Names of the Persons who apply for the Premium on the raising of Mulberry Trees. viz.

		Trees	
William Newton - - - - - -	Marlborough - - -	150	
John Water Hair - - - - - - - - - - - - - -		807 -	no Certif.
John Hay - - - - - - - - - -	Wobourn - - - - -	336 -	Certif.
Ruben Packard - - - - - -	Bridgewater - - -	6051 -	Certif.
John Pearce - - - - - - - -	Rowly - - - - - -	6408 -	Certif.
Loammi Baldwin - - - - -	Wobourn - - - -	732 -	Certif.
Alexander Shepard Junr. -	Newton - - - - -	1200	Certif.
——— Sprague - - - - - -	Boston - - - - - -	2200	
Jason Haven - - - - - - -	Dedham - - - - -	375	
Joshua Leonard - - - - - -	Raynham - - - -	782	

[**187.**] Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen May 19, 1772. Present, Messrs. Scollay, Marshall, Austin.

Application was made the Selectmen in behalf of Benjamin Hollowell Junr. Esq. for Liberty to break Ground in Wings Lane in order to clear his Drain to the entrance of the Common Shore.

Liberty was accordingly granted, provided the Ground is restored and the Pavement made good to the satisfaction of the Selectmen.

Mr. Paul Farmer was directed the 18 Instant to receive into the Almshouse to be supported at the Province Charge one Mary Perry a Stranger and not an Inhabitant of any Town in this Province nor having wherewithall to support herself — Order signed by Mr. Scollay & Colo. Marshall Selectmen & Daniel Waldo an Overseer.

Mr. Samuel Hartley having Reported that the three Men who came out of Capt. Crockers Briggne. and have been on the Island seventeen Days, have no appearance of their having taken the Small Pox from the Person who was buried above twenty days ago; and that they have been well smoked & cleansed, it was Voted that the following Orders be given Mr. Hartley

Boston May 19. 1772.

Mr. Samuel Hartley

You having Reported to us that the three Men which came out of Capt. Crockers Briggn. have no Symptoms of the Small Pox, tho' they have been seventeen Days on the Island and being also well smoked and cleansed Our Orders are that you permit him to leave the Island when they please having first secured payment for the Charge of keeping them &c.

By Order of the Selectmen

WILLIAM COOPER Town Clerk

P. S. It is supposed that the Men are going by Water to Connecticut.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen, May 26, 1772. Present, Mess. Scollay, Newell, Marshall, Austin, Wendell.

[188.] Mr. Sutton informs that there is a House at the South End for an Engine not in use, which belongs to the Town & may serve to be removed, for the cover of the Engine Mr. Hancock has lately presented the Town.

Mr. Paul Farmer was directed to receive into the Almshouse to be supported at the charge of the Province one Mary Perry a Stranger, not an Inhabitant of any Town in this Province nor having wherewithall to support herself. Order dated the 18 of May & signed by Coll°. Marshall & Mr. Scollay Selectmen & Daniel Waldo an Overseer.

Mr. Paul Farmer was directed the 24. of April to receive into the Almshouse to be supported at the Province charge, one Elizabeth Smith a Stranger & not an Inhabitant of any Town in this Province, nor having wherewithall to support herself. Order signed by Mr. Scollay & Mr. Newell Selectmen & William Greenleaff an Overseer.

John Sigorney applys to the Selectmen for liberty to open a drain in Prince Street & Liberty was given provided the Ground is restored & the Pavement made good to the Satisfaction of the Selectmen.

Complaint having been made against Mr. Jacob Thayer by his Servant Thomas Vaux, and the same having been considered. It was Agreed between the Partys that all past behavior on either side should be overlooked, that the Prentice will serve five Weeks after he is free to make up the time he has been absent & that he is to have everything done and provided according to the Indentures.

Voted, that the Town Clerk have a draft on Acco^t. of his services for £. 1.10

William McFadden appointed for Mr. Bradfords Watch, which now makes Four men.

Mem°. the above was instead of the usual time.

[189.] Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen June 3^d. 1772. Present, Messrs. Scollay, Newell, Marshall, Wendell.

Ordered, that the Assize of Bread be set at Wheat at 6/6 p bushel and that 6^d. p. bushel be allowed to the Bakers for their charges Paines & Livelihood, which is computed as follows, vizt.

	lb.	oz.	dr.
A 4^d. Loaf of 3/4 Wheat 1/4 Rye Meal must weigh	2	–	8
a 4^d. Ditto not above 1/2 Indian Meal must weigh	3	–	8
Bisket of a Copper price - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - "	4	–	6

Capt. Frankland of Engine N. 9. presented Vonner Thomas as an Engine man in the room of Thomas Hunstable, who has resigned — and he was accordingly accepted.

Mr. Humphrys who hires the Towns Store near the Golden Ball applys for some necessary Repairs on the same.

Mr. Wendell appointed a Committee to order what may be proper. . . .

Mr. Commissary Hubbard applys to the Selectmen for the necessary Repairs on his Store.

Mr. Paul Farmer was directed by two of the Selectmen viz. Mr. Scollay & Mr. Newell, to receive into the Almshouse on the Province Acco^t. one James Outis [see p. 116] a poor sick Stranger, not an Inhabitant of any Town in this Province. Orders dated May 13'. signed by Mr. Wm. Greenleaff Overseer.

Mr. Paul Farmer was directed the 22d. of May last to receive into the Almshouse to be supported at the Province Charge one Dennis Sullivan a sick Stranger not an Inhabitant of any Town in this Province nor having wherewithall to support himself. Order sign'd by Mr. Scollay & Mr. Newell, Selectmen & Mr. William Greenleaff an Overseer.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen June 9. 1772. Present, Messrs. Scollay, Newell, Austin, Wendell, Marshall.

[190.] Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen June 10. 1772. Present, Mess. Scollay, Austin.

Mr. Paul Farmer was this Day directed by two of the Selectmen vizt. Mr. Scollay & Marshall to receive into the Almshouse to be supported at the Province charge one George Johnson, a sick Stranger who is not an Inhabitant of any Town in this Province nor has he wherewith to support himself. Order signed by William Greenleaff. Overseer.

Boston June 10 1772.

Sir.

Such difficulties have lately arisen when Persons not Inhabitants of Boston have been removed from hence by a Warrant from a Justice of the Peace residing in this Town, as makes it necessary to apply to a Gentleman in that Office who lives in another Town — We have therefore taken the Liberty to direct Mr. Robert Love appointed by us to Warn Strangers to depart to apply to you for such Warrants when any Persons are to be removed through Charlestown, and upon receiving your account of the charge through once a Year, we shall give you a draft on the Town Treasurer for the amount thereof.

By Order of the Selectmen

WILLIAM COOPER

Town Clerk

Isaac Rand Esq. of Charlestown.

Coll^o. Marshall & Mr. Wendell appointed a Committee to view the School house in the Common and order the necessary Repairs.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen, June 17. 1772 — Present, Mess^s. Scollay, Newell, Marshall, Austin, Wendell.

Paul Farmer Keeper of the Almshouse was directed to receive into the Almshouse John Douglass, a sick Person not an Inhabitant of any Town in this Province nor having wherewithall to support himself. Order dated June 15 - - signed by John Scol-

lay & Samuel Austin, Selectmen & William Greenleaff an Overseer. — he came from Cape Ninola & belongs to N. York.

Paul Farmer Keeper of the Almshouse was directed to receive into the Almshouse one John Hamilton a sick Person not an Inhabitant of any Town in this Province [191.] nor having where withall to support himself.

Order signed by Mess. John Scollay & Samuel Austin Selectmen & Mr. William Greenleaff an Overseer said Hamilton came from Philadelphia in Capt. John Allen of Nantucket.

Upon Complaint made by some of the Inhabitants that Isaac Fowle who was appointed a Common Cryer, for this Town by the Selectmen, has behaved himself in such a manner as that he is now confined in Goal by a Complaint of his Wife — the Selectmen, Voted, that he be dismissed from that office, for the above and other reasons.

The Selectmen this Day appointed John Wear to be a Common Cryer for this Town, and the Town Clerk was directed to furnish him with an attested Copy of the By-Law relative to his duty &c.

Mr. Paul Farmer was directed by two of the Selectmen Vizt. Mess. Scollay & Newell, to receive into the Almshouse to be supported there one William Organ a blind Person not an Inhabitant of any Town in this Province, nor having wherewithall to support himself — Mr. William Greenleaff signed the Order.

Mr. Paul Farmer was directed to receive into the Almshouse to be supported at the Province Charge one Edward Cain (?) a sick Stranger not an Inhabitant of any Town in this Province nor having wherewithall to support himself — Order signed by Mr. Scollay & Deacon Newell Selectmen & Mr. William Greenleaff an Overseer.

The Town at their late Meeting having accepted of a Fire Engine, the generous Donation of the Honble. John Hancock Esq. as reference to said Vote will appear.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen June 22d. 1772. Present, Mess. Scollay, Newell, Marshall, Austin.

[192.] The Selectmen received a Letter from Admiral Montague relative to taking Fish in this Harbour, which the Selectmen upon information had complain'd of to the Admiral, as having a tendency in the manner his People proceeded of greatly damaging the Fishing Ground or Flatts & thereby lessening the number of Fish, to the hurt of the Inhabitants.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen, June 23d. 1772. Present, Messrs. Scollay, Newell, Marshall, Austin.

The following is a Copy of the Letter received from Admiral Montague — vizt.

Boston the 22d. June 1772

Gentlemen

As I would avoid as much as possible giving offence to the People of Boston or suffering any Body under my Command to act contrary to the Laws of this Town or Province — At the same

time I am desirous of contributing as much as I can to the Health of my People by letting them have Fish when it can be got without injuring the Inhabitants.

I shall esteem it a favor if you will inform me how far the Boundary of the Harbour extends that my Officers may know it, and conduct themselves in such a manner as not to offend the People — I am

Gentlemen
Your most Obedient
Humble Servant
J. MONTAGUE.

To
The Selectmen of Boston

The following was sent Admiral Montague in reply to the above.

Boston June 23d. 1772

Sir.

[**193.**] Agreeable to your desire of Yesterday We would now acquaint you, that the Harbour of Boston is bounded on the West and North West by the Town of Boston and part of Charlestown, on the North and North East by Chelsea and Point Shirley, on the East and South East by Deer Island, Long Island and Dorchester Bay, and on the South by Dorchester Neck; In this Compass is included Hogg Island, Noddles Island, Apple Island, Governors Island, Spectacle Island and Castle Island

We are much obliged to you for your expressions of Regard to the Interest of this Town; every instance of kindness from a Gentleman in your important Command cannot bnt be gratefully resented by the Inhabitants. We are

Very Respectfully
Your most Obedient
Humble Servants
JOHN SCOLLAY
TIMOTHY NEWELL
THOMAS MARSHALL
SAMUEL AUSTIN
Selectmen of Boston

To
The Honourable John Montague Esq.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen, June 24 1772 — Present, Scollay, Newell, Marshall, Austin.

Ordered, that the Assize of Bread be set at Wheat at 6/6 p. bushel and that 6d. p. bushel be allowed to the Bakers for their Charges Pains & Livelihood, which is computed as follows Vizt.

	lb.	oz.	dr.
A 4d. loaf of Brown Bread ¾ Wheat ¼ Rey Meal must weigh	2.	8	
a 4d. Ditto not above ½ Indian Meal must weigh	3.	8	
Bisket of a Copper price		4.	6

The Selectmen have agreed to meet Mr. Greenleaff an Overseer on Tuesday next, 6. OClock, to examine into the List handed in of Province Poor.

[194.] Louis Delile, appeared, and asked liberty of the Selectmen for opening a School in this Town for teaching ye. French Language.

The Selectmen having received a Warrant from the Honble. Foster Hutchinson Esq Judge of Probate for the County of Suffolk, dated June 22d. to examine into the Circumstances of Anderson Philips of this Town Rigger, represented as a Non Compos Person — the following Return was made on said Warrant, Vizt.

In pursuance of the within Warrant we the Subscribers have examined into the Circumstances of Anderson Phillips, Represented by his Friends as a Non Compos Person, and find him to be so far disordered in mind as to be incapable of managing his own affairs

JOHN SCOLLAY
TIMOTHY NEWELL
THOMAS MARSHALL
SAMUEL AUSTIN
Selectmen of Boston

Boston, June 24′ 1772
To
The Honble. Foster Hutchinson Esq.
Judge of Probate

Boston Ss: At a meeting of the Selectmen June 25, 1772. Present, Mess. Scollay, Newell, Marshall, Austin.

Voted, that there be a Visitation of the Free Schools in this Town on Wednesday the 1′ of July Instant and that the following Gentlemen be invited to accompany the Selectmen therein, and that they be notifyed to attend at the Selectmens Chamber at 8. O Clock in the Morning of said Day in order to proceed on the Visitation

The Honble. John Erving Esq.
James Bodwin Esq.
James Pitts Esq.
[195.] The Representatives of the Town
The Overseers of the Poor
The Town Treasurer
The Revd. Charles Chauncey DD.
Mather Byles DD
Andrew Eliot DD
Samuel Cooper DD
Ebenezer Pemberton DD.
Samuel Mather
John Hunt
John Bacon
Mr. Lothrop
Thomas Hubbard Esq.
Harrison Gray Esq.
Mr. Ebenr. Storer
Samuel Pemberton Esq.
Capt. Martin Gay
Colle. John Erving
Thomas Dows Esq.
Joshua Blanchard
Thomas Leveret
Majr. Paddock
Coll. Coffin
Mr. John Jay
James Otis Esq.
Joshua Winslow Esq. from Nova Scotia
Thomas Boylston (?)

M^r. Howard
Rev^d. M^r. Searl
Rev^d. M^r. Penuel Bowen
M^r. William Powell
M^r. Nathl. Barber
Nathl. Appleton
John Sweetzer
Thomas Brattle
William Dennie
Byfield Lyle
John Amory
Joseph Jackson
M^r. Henderson Inches
M^r. Jonathan Mason
Thomas Aylwin Esq.
M^r. Tuttle Hubbard
M^r. Carson }
M^r. Ludson } from Carolina
Ezekiel Goldthwait
M^r. John Mico Wendell
M^r. Thomas Amory
Mr John Greenleaff
M^r. Nathl. Allen of Cape Ann
Edmund Quincy Esq.
Dr. Warren
M^r. William Mollineaux
Mr. Eben^r Hancock

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen June 26, 1772. Present, Mess. Scollay, Newell, Marshall, Austin.

The Selectmen having received two Petitions from a considerable number of respectable Inhabitants, representing that it has been propagated, that the Fourteenth Regiment was about coming into this Town from the Castle, and praying that a Town Meeting may be called without loss of time in order to take proper measures upon the occasion — took the same [**196.**] Into consideration, and ordered the Town Clerk to draw up a Notification for a Town Meeting Monday next 9. O Clock A.M.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen, June 27, 1772. Present, Mess^s. Scollay, Newell, Marshall, Austin.

The Selectmen having made further inquiry relative to the Report of the 14 Regiment coming up to Town from the Castle, particularly of M^r. James Forrest, named in one of the Petitions as having propagated it, and finding the Report to be wholly without Foundation; the Town Clerk was directed to stop issuing the Notifications for ye Meeting agreed upon by the Selectmen on Yesterday.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen, July 1, 1772. Present, Hancock, Newell, Marshall, Austin, Wendell.

Coll^o. Marshall & M^r. Wendell a Committee appointed to direct and Oversee the Pavement of the Street called Bread Street agreeable to the manner, it was laid out by the General Court.

Passed upon M^r. Henderson Inches, Province Account amounting as p. Copy on file to £. 7 – 5 – 4.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen July 10. 1772. Present, Mess. Scollay, Newell, Marshall, Austin, Wendell.

Complaint having been made the Selectmen by a number of the Inhabitants that Coll^o. Ingersol who keeps the Bunch of Grapes Tavern, has frequently permitted young Persons & other Inhabitants of the Town to come into their Tavern on the Sabbath, and receive drink — the said Ingersol was sent for and threatened, that if any such practises were allowed of for the future his License would be taken from him. A Letter much to the same purpose was also sent him.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen July 14, 1772. Present, Mess^{s}. Scollay, Newell, Marshall, Austin, Wendell.

[197.] M^{r}. Paul Farmer was directed by the Selectmen on the 10^{t} Inst. to supply one Capt. Ramsey an unfortunate Man who had been a Prisoner at the Havannah with sundry necessaries for his passage to Liverpool in Capt. Acworth.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen July 22^{d}. 1772. Present, Mess^{s}. Scollay, Newell, Marshall.

Passed upon E. Bridghams Province Acco^{t}. for the passage of William Brown and Wife poor Strangers to Liverpool as p. Copy on file.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen, July 29, 1772. Present, Messrs. Scollay, Hancock, Newell, Austin, Wendell.

Ordered, that the Assize of Bread be set at Wheat at 6/6 p. bushel and that 6^{d}. p. bushel be allowed to the Bakers for their Charges Pains and Livelihood, which is computed as follows — Viz^{t}.

	lb.	oz.	dr.
A Loaf of Brown Bread 3/4 Wheat 1/4 Rye Meal must weigh	2–	8	
a 4^{d}. Ditto not above 1/2 Indian Meal must weigh	3–	0	
Bisket of a Copper price		4–	6

Voted, that M^{r}. Jacob Bucknam have a draft on the Treasurer for £. 6. lawful Money on acco^{t}. of Carting Stones &c. he having had one for £. 7. 4/ — mem^{o}. no draft to be made.

Voted, that the Town Clerk have a draft for £. 20 this Draft Day.

The Selectmen a Committee to widen the way at the North East part of the Market.

M^{r}. Austin appointed to make enquiry of the Towns Council, relative to the disorders committed by Strange Women in King Street.

Voted, that Hutchinson & Bryant have a draft on the Treasurer for Twenty pounds in p^{t}. for paving work.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen July 30th. 1772. Present. Messrs. Scollay, Hancock, Newell, Marshall, Austin, Wendell.

[198.] Voted, unanimously that the Passage Way at the Head of the Town Dock be widened to twenty five feet, and the North Corner to flay off.

Ordered, that two Men be added to the Town House Watch.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen August 5, 1772 Present. Mess. Scollay, Marshall, Austin, Newell, Wendell.

The Town Clerk is directed to give William Barret a draft for Three pounds 10/ 8 on Account of an execution against him for taking a Coal Basket.

Ordered, that the Pavement in Battery March Street be continued

to Mr. Pecks Corner, it appearing that two hundred & forty yards would compleat it, and Mr. Oliver Wendell offered thirteen pounds, Six Shillings & 8d. towards the same.

The Selectmen Agreed to visit Hartleys Hospital at Rainsfords Island on Wednesday next, to set off from Wheelwrights Wharff, 8. O Clock, Morning.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Augt. 10, 1772 — Present, Messrs. Scollay, Ruddock, Newell, Marshall, Austin, Wendell.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen August 16, 1772 — Present Messrs. Scollay.

William Pierce Johnson Master of the Schooner Sally from West Indies, last from Newbury Port who arrived at Rainsfords Island on the Yesterday, sent up by Mr. Hartley an Account, that a Lad on board the Schooner, has had the Small Pox but is now so well recover'd, that he has cleansed his Vessel, but that he has three People on board who are liable to take the Infection — Mr. Hartley also informed that the Lad has been well about ten days, that the Vessel is loaded with Salt, and has a few barrels of Limes & a bbl. of Sugar on board — whereupon the following Letter was given Mr. Hartley, Vizt.

[199.] Boston August 16. 1772.

Mr. Samuel Hartley

The Schooner Sally Capt. William Pierce Johnson having been sent to your Island from Newbury Port on Account of one of the People having had the Small Pox, and three others being liable to the Distemper. Our Orders are that you receive the Man, who is recovered on shore, and smoke & cleanse him, that you take the Seamen who are liable to have the Small Pox, into the Well House or Hospital; and then smoke the Vessel as usual, as also all the Bedding Clothing & whatever may be liable to retain Infection which you must land on the Island — Suffer no Person to leave the Vessel or Island without our Orders, and as soon as you have comply'd with these directions, let us hear from you again.

JOHN SCOLLAY
THOMAS MARSHALL
SAMUEL AUSTIN
O. WENDELL

Boston Ss: At a meeting of the Selectmen, August 18, 1772 Present, Messrs. Scollay, Newell, Marshall, Austin

Mr. Samuel Hartley Keeper of the Hospital at Rainsfords Island, attended, and Reports, that he had taken the Person from on board Capt. Johnsons Schooner, who has had the Small Pox, having first smoked & cleansed him, as also the three People liable to the Distemper who are kept by themselves, that he had smoked the Bedding &c. on board, and shall smoke them further when he takes them on shore, that the Captain and two Passengers

have been washed & cleansed, and may in his Opinion come up to Town if a fresh Suit of Clothes are sent down to him, with safety to the Inhabitants. Whereupon the following Orders were given Mr. Hartley. Vizt.

[200.] Boston August 18, 1772

Mr. Samuel Hartley

You having Reported to us that you had agreable to our Orders taken the Person on shore who has had the Small Pox and also the three People liable to have the Distemper and had also smoked the Vessel and People — that the Captain of the Schooner and two Passengers had been so washed & smoked, that with fresh shift of Clothes, they might come up to Town without danger to the Inhabitants — Our further Orders are that you continue to use the proper means for cleansing the Schooner and every thing on board as well as the People — With respect to the Captain and the two Passengers, you must take particular care as to their washing and cleansing, those of them who have any Hair must wash the same well with Vinegar. their Clothes especially the Suits they are to come up with must be air'd, washed, & smoked as carefully as possible and when this is done Report to us again till which suffer no one to come up to Town or leave the Island as they must have our Orders for it

John Scollay
Timo. Newell
Thoms. Marshall
Oliver Wendell
Selectmen of Boston.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Augt. 19, 1772. Present, Messrs. Scollay, Newell, Ruddock, Marshall, Austin, Wendell.

Mr. Sircomb in behalf of himself and others proprietors of a Common Shore in Middlecott Street, apply'd for liberty to open and repair said Drain — Liberty was accordingly granted, provided all the concerned are Notifyed as the Law directs; and the Ground and pavement is made good to the satisfaction of the Selectmen.

Deacon Caleb Davis has liberty to build a Tomb at the South Burying Ground, upon a range with the Tombs already built he [201.] & his Heirs to keep the Wall against it in Repair.

Boston August 19. 1772

Mr. Samuel Hartley

The Friends of Capt. Johnson having procured him a fresh Suit of Clothes which will be sent down this Evening you have our liberty to let him come up to Town to morrow provided you have smoked & cleansed him as directed in our last, and that you are fully satisfied he may now come up with safety to the Inhabit-

ants. You'l go on smoking and cleansing the Vessel & Bedding &c. as directed in former Orders, that the Schooner may leave the Island as soon as it can be done with safety.

JOHN SCOLLAY
JOHN RUDDOCK
TIMO. NEWEL
SAMUEL AUSTIN
OLIVER WENDELL

William Sutton Master of Engine N. 7. apply'd to the Selectmen for the Premium, allowed by the Town for bringing their Engine to play first upon the Fires which broke out at Mr. Daltons House the 6' of June last — And at the Shop of Mr. Benjamin Sumner, the 20t. July last.

Voted that he have a draft for the two Premiums, being twenty six Shillings &c. 8d.

memo. drawn for in July draft.

The following Letter was sent Mr. Hartley Keeper of the Hospital at Rainsfords Island. Vizt.

Boston Augt. 20. 1772

Mr. Samuel Hartley

Sir

Application has been made to us that Mr. Tyley a Passenger on board the Schooner Sally Capt. Johnson [202.] Master who is now at your Island may be permitted to come to Town it is your Order, that when he has been sufficiently cleansed and smoked you permit him to leave the Island he being clothed from head to foot with a fresh Suit of Clothes from the Town and likewise you may permit the Schooner to leave the Island on the Satterday next, in the interim you must see that she is well cleansed and if then you think she may leave the Island without endangering the Inhabitants let her leave it first taking care that you are paid for your trouble

JOHN SCOLLAY
TIMO. NEWELL
SAM. AUSTIN
THOS. MARSHALL
Selectmen of Boston

P.S. Keep the Bedding Clothes &c. at the Island till further Orders.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen, Augt. 22d. 1772 — Present. Mess. Scollay

Mr. Hartley attended, and acquaints the Selectmen that he has agreeable to their Orders taken the Bedding Clothing & everything liable to retain Infection on shore, and has so well smoked and cleansed the Schooner, that she may be permitted to come up to Town without danger to the Inhabitants — whereupon —Voted, that a Certificate be sent to his Excellency, and a Letter wrote Mr. Hartley — both which are as follows —

Boston Augt. 22^{d}. 1772

M^{r}. Samuel Hartley

You having Reported to us that the Schooner Sally Capt. Johnson is now so well smoked & cleansed that she may be permitted to come up to Town without danger to the Inhabitants, and that you have taken on shore the Bedd^{g}. Clothing and everything liable to retain Infection — Our Orders are that you give the Vessel another washing and smoking [**203.**] & then permit her to come up to Town — you must keep the Bedding Clothing &^{c}. on the Island, untill you can Report to us that they are well aired.

John Scollay
Tim^{o}. Newell
Samuel Austin
John Ruddock
Selectmen of Boston

May it please your Excellency

The Schooner Sally Capt. William Peirce Johnson from W^{t}. Indies last from Newbury Port ordered to Rainsfords Island on Account of a Person on board having had the Small Pox; has been so well smoked & cleansed that we are of Opinion she may be permitted to come up to Town without any danger to the Inhabitants, if your Excellency thinks proper

We are
Your Excellencys
Most obed^{t}.
Hum. Serv^{ts}.
John Scollay
John Ruddock
Tim^{o}. Newell
Sam. Austin
Selectmen of Boston

Boston Augt. 22^{d}. 1772

To his Excellency Thomas Hutchinson Esq.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Augt. 25 1772. Present, Scollay, Hancock, Newell, Austin, Wendell.

Mr. Hartley Keeper of the Hospital at Rainsfords Island attended, and acquaints the Selectmen, that the Schooner ——— has been sent to the Island from Salem on account of One mans having had the Small Pox [**204.**] Which turned upon him the 15 Day of August, and he is now able to walk about; that three Men are liable to have the Distemper — vizt. David Smith, John Hibond, Stephen Beals, that the Vessel is single Decked, and her lading consists of Rum Sugar & Salt, together with one bag of Cotton Wool — whereupon the following Letter was given M^{r}. Hartley.

Boston August 25. 1772

M^{r}. Samuel Hartley —

The Schooner ——— Capt. John Batton having been sent to your Island from Salem on account of one of the Peoples having

had the Small Pox, and three others expecting it. Our Orders are that you receive the Person who has had the ,Distemper into the Hospital and those who are expecting the Small Pox into the Well house, and you must also take out of the Vessel everything that the Captain may think proper to deliver you which should be the Beds, Bedding, Cotton, & whatever is liable to retain Infection, and you must smoke and cleanse the Schooner, and what comes out of her in the most effectual manner — Suffer no one to leave the Island or anything to be taken off without our permission and Report to us your doings from time to time, that we may give you our further directions

JOHN SCOLLAY
JOHN HANCOCK
TIM°. NEWELL
SAMUEL AUSTIN
OLIVER WENDELL
Selectmen of Boston

P.S. The Captain of the first Schooners Clothes may come up when you think proper.

Passed upon D^r^. Warrens Province Account amounting to £. 253–16– 5 – as p. Copy on file.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen August 26′, 1772. Present, Mess. Scollay, Austin, Wendell.

Ordered that the Assize of Bread be set at Wheat at 6/6 p. bushels & that 6^d^. Bushel be allowed to the Bakers for their Charges Pains and Livelihood which is computed as follows — Viz^t^.

	lb.	oz.	dr.
A Loaf of Brown Bread 3/4 Wheat 1/4 Rye Meal must weigh	2	–	8
a 4^d^. ditto not above 1/2 Indian Meal must weigh	3	–	8
Bisket of a Copper price - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - -		4	– 6

[205.] M^r^. Paul Farmer was directed the 21′ Ins^t^. by two of the Selectmen Viz^t^. Messrs. Scollay & Austin; to receive into the Almshouse to be supported at the Province charge one John Ryan a Stranger & not an Inhabitant of any Town in this Province, nor having wherewithall to support himself — Order signed by William Greenleaff, Overseer.

M^r^. William Read gave Information the 3^d^. of July 1772 — that he had received into the House M^rs^. Deborah Paget of Providence Widow & her two Daughters Deborah and Ruth the 20′ of June last.

Me^ss^. Grant and Barrett apply'd to the Selectmen for liberty to make some alteration in the run of the Gutter near D^r^. Eliots Meeting House; which was granted accordingly.

M^r^. Samuel Mayes, & M^r^. Ephraim Mayes, have each of them liberty to build a Tomb at the South Burval Ground upon a range with the Tombs already built, they and their Heirs to keep the Wall against them in Repair.

M^r^. Jefferies was directed to pay M^r^. Jacob Bucknam on Acco^t^.

of Carting, Six pounds lawful, which with what he has already had advanced by him, he is to deduct out of the Draft that will hereafter be made in his favor.

Deacon Newell & Mr. Wendell a Committee to attend the Court, on the Suit commenced by Mr. Jacob Emmons against some Workmen who pulled down Chimnies by Order of the then Selectmen.

The following Letter was sent the Keeper of the Hospital

Boston August 29. 1772

Mr. Samuel Hartley

You having Reported to us that the Schooner ——— Capt. John Batton Master has been sufficiently smoked and cleansed and that every thing she had on board that would retain any infection is removed on shore, and that she might depart the Island with the greatest safety — It is therefore Our Orders that you permit her to return to Salem first taking care that the Persons who go in her from the Island are well cleansed and that they carry no Bed [**206.**] Bedding or Clothing but what you shall Judge are free from Infection

JOHN SCOLLAY
TIMO. NEWELL
SAM. AUSTIN
Selectmen of Boston

P.S. Observe that you are satisfied for your trouble & Expence before the Vessel departs.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen, Septemr. 2d., 1772. Present, Mess. Scollay, Newell, Marshall, Austin, Wendell.

John Peirce sent here by Warrt. from Selectmen of Scituate came to the Chamber & informs upon examination, that he was born in Boston, & at the Age of Six years was bound out to John Death of Sherburne Esq. where he lived about 15 years, from thence he went to Scituate, and was warned out, as coming from Sherburne; at Scituate he married, & lived there about 15 years, has a Wife with him & 4 Children, has two others bound out.

Mr. Hartley having Reported that Ebenezer Knap who had the Small Pox on board the Newbury Schooner, was so well cleansed that he might return to Newbury with safety; and having also requested some assistance on the Island, as the Selectmen had objected to his going into the Hospital & then coming up to Town tho.' with a fresh shift of Clothes, as the Inhabitants were made uneasy with his coming up to Town the following Directions &c. were sent to him.

Boston Septemr. 2d. 1772

Mr. Samuel Hartley

You having Reported to us that Ebenezer Knap who came from Newbury Port in the Schooner Sally Capt. Johnson, and who had the Small Pox on board the said Vessel; has been so thoroughly smoked and cleansed, that he may leave the Island with safety and Return to Newbury Port — Our Orders are that you permit him so to do, provided you have a fresh shift of Clothes for him

— Agreeable to your request of assistance we have contracted with Mr. John Bovee (?) to go down to the Hospital in [207.] Order to assist your Wife at £.3–6–8. p. month, which we shall pay him, and also allow you what is reasonable for his Board during his tarry on the Island. We expect upon this Assistance afforded you, that you and the Servant who comes up in the Boat keep constantly at the Well-house, and that you both come up with fresh shift of Clothes; and when you reach the Wharff send up notice to one of the Selectmen, and they will come down to you for your Report unless you send it in writing; and they will then direct Mr. Williston to procure your Provisions & other Necessaries that so neither yourself nor the Inhabitants may run any risque or be even made uneasy.

JOHN SCOLLAY
TIMO. NEWELL
THOMS. MARSHALL
SAM. AUSTIN
OLIVER WENDELL

Voted that Mr. Love have a draft in the August Draft for £. 20. being half years service

Boston Septemr. 2d. 1772

Gentlemen

Mr. Cole a Constable of your Town waited upon us this Day with a Warrant signed by Mr. Justice Josslyn for the removal of John Peirce his Wife and four Children to Boston as supposed Inhabitants, but without any legal Evidence — We refused to receive them as upon examination we find that said Peirce was bound out at Seven Years of Age to John Death Esq. of Sherburne, where he lived about 15 Years and from thence went to Situate where he married and has resided ever since, so that in our Opinion he must be an Inhabitant of Sherburne if not of your Town.

By Order of the Selectmen
WILLIAM COOPER Town Clerk

To
The Gentn. Selectmen of Scituate

[208.] Boston August 15. 1772

Sir

We take this opportunity to acquaint you that by the desertion of one George Wright who belonged to a Detachment of the Royal Train of Artillery stationed at Castle William, his Wife Judith & four Children were left in such destitute Circumstances as required immediate relief — they were therefore sent to the Almshouse in this Town to be supported untill you would be Notified of the Husbands desertion and the distressed Circumstances of his Family.

We flatter ourselves you will take immediate care to ease the Town of the present expence by forwarding your Orders to the Officer in Command here to receive said Soldiers Wife and Chil-

dren into Castle William, or to make such provision for their Support as you may Judge proper.

By Order of the Selectmen
WILLIAM COOPER Town Clerk

To
——— Tiffin Esq. (Note in margin gives date of above letter as Sep^{t}. 2.)

The following was sent the Commanding Officer at Castle William

Sir —

This is to acquaint you that the Wife of John Colder of Capt. O'Harra's Company in the 24 (?) Regiment with two young Children and the Wife of John Grosvenor of Capt. Murrays Company of the 14. with one Child are now in this Town and in such destitute Circumstances as has put them upon applying to us for relief — the former says she & one of her children were so ill when the Regiment sayled, as would not admit of her going with them — desire you will receive these Women and Children on Castle Island or make such other provision for them as will prevent their suffering or being an expence to a Town which is already over burdened [**209.**] With the support of their Poor — We shall esteem the favor of an answer, to be left at the British Coffee House

By order of the Selectmen
WILLIAM COOPER Town Clerk

To Capt. Robert M^{c}. Learth

Mem^{o}. a Letter was received in answer to the above which acquainted the Selectmen that he could not make any provision for the Persons mentioned in the Letter.

The following was sent M^{r}. Barret appointed by the Selectmen an officer to inspect Coal Baskets Viz^{t}.

Boston Septemb^{r} 7. 1772

M^{r}. William Barrett
Sir

The Selectmen agreeable to an Act of the General assembly having appointed you an Officer for Seizing and securing all Baskets improved for measuring Coal in this Town that are not of the dimensions stated by Law, and to prosecute such offenders for the Fines and for failures thereby incurred; do depend upon your care and fidelity in the discharge of this trust; And for your government in all Cases that may happen, we have furnished you with a Copy of the late printed Act so far as respects Charcoal, not doubting that you will strictly conform to the Letter and Spirit of said Act.

By Order of the Selectmen
WILLIAM COOPER Town Clerk

Orders of the same import as the above was given to m^{r} Ephraim Vaux, the other Person appointed by the Selectmen, for

the examining of Charcoal Baskets and also a Copy of the printed Act respecting Charcoal &c.

[**210.**] Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen, Septem^{r}. 9, 1772. Present, Mess. Scollay, Newell, Marshall, Austin, Wendell.

M^{r}. Paul Farmer was directed by two of the Selectmen Viz^{t}. M^{r}. Scollay & Coll^{o}. Marshall the 1st. Ins^{t}. to receive into the Almshouse to be supported at the Province charge Elizabeth Prince, Abigail Mills & John Jones Strangers and in suffering Circumstances — And by M^{r}. Scollay & Newell this Day one Peter Griebb, a sick & destitute Stranger, to be also supported at the Province charge — both Orders signed by Capt. Sam Patridg an Overseer

Passed upon Joseph Newells Province Acco^{t}. amounting as by Copy on file to £. 7– 15– 8½–

Passed upon Paul Farmers Province Accounts amounting as by Copys on file to £–539. 15–10½, & £. 42–14–2–

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen, Septem^{r}. 9, 1772. Present, Mess. Scollay, Newell, Marshall, Austin, Wendell.

Mess. Austin Scollay & Newell a Comm^{ee}. to procure one John Penroe now in the Almshouse a passage in Capt. Bowman bound to Ireland. as also for any others that may leave the Almshouse.

Coll^{o}. Marshall & M^{r}. Scollay a Committee to agree with the Butchers & see Leases signed respecting the Stalls they Improve.

Boston, Septem^{r}. 10$'$. 1772

Gentlemen

We have delivered your unhappy Townsman M^{r}. Benjamin Bowen by your desire to the [**211.**] Care of Samuel Child, Junr. Esq. He has been supported at the Almshouse 14 Weeks which at the rate of 8/ 8^{d}. p. Week the same which the Province allows the Town for their maintenance of their Poor amounts to £. 5–19–4– You'l please to recollect that we have sent him home twice free of charge to your Town, at the same time desiring that you would take such care of him as might prevent his being a further trouble to us. We doubt not when you consider the reasonableness of the above charge and our expectations that you will speedily order us a reimbursement

By Order of the Selectmen

WILLIAM COOPER Town Clerk

To

The Gentlemen Selectmen

of Woodstock.

Boston Ss: At a meeting of the Selectmen, Sep^{tr}. 16. 1772. Present, Mess^{r}. Scollay, Newell, Marshall, Austin, Wendell.

M^{r}. Samuel Hartley Keeper of the Hospital at Rainsfords Island attended, and Reports, that three Men who have lately had the Small Pox, vizt. Cutting Lunt, Clifford Bryne, & David Smith are

desirous of leaving the Island, having each of them a fresh Suit of Clothes provided, and that in his opinion they have been so well smoked and cleansed, as that they may come up with safety to the Inhabitants. whereupon the following was delivered Mr. Hartley.

Boston, Septem^r. 16. 1772

Mr. Samuel Hartley

You having Reported to us that three Men who have had the Small Pox at your Island are now quite recovered from that Distemper, and have been sufficiently smoked & cleansed so that they may leave the Island with safety — Our [**212.**] directions are that you may permit said People vizt.

Cutting Lunt, Clifford Byrnes, & David Smith to come up to Town next Monday provided they have each a fresh Suit of Clothes procured for them, and that D^r. Whitworth examine them and Joins with you in opinion that they may come off with safety to the Inhabitants. We depend upon your going on smoking and cleansing those who are recovered, and they must be at the Well house a proper time before they are permitted to leave the Island.

By Order of the Selectmen
William Cooper Town Clerk

P.S. You must first secure your Expences.

The Honble. John Erving Esq. apply'd to the Selectmen for leave to break Ground before his House in order to lay a Drain from his House.

Liberty was accordingly granted provided the Ground & Pavement is made good to the satisfaction of the Selectmen.

Passed upon M^r. Samuel Hartley Keeper of the Hospital at Rainsfords Island amounting to £. 6– 13– 4– as p. Copy on file.

Mem^o. Alexander Little is the only Trooper belonging to this Town, who is to be excused as a Jury Man.

Agreed to visit Deer Island next Fryday.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen, Septem^r. 23^d. 1772. Present, Mess. Scollay, Newell, Marshall, Austin, Wendell.

M^r. Samuel Hartley attended and informs, Ebenezer Hall and Jonathan Knight who came from Newbury & John Hilliard & Stephen Beal who came from Salem, are desirous of leaving the Island and that they have been so well smoked & cleansed as to be able to leave the Island with safety — whereupon the following Letter was given him.

[**213.**] Boston Septem^r. 23^d. 1772

M^r. Samuel Hartley,

You having Reported to us that Ebenezer Hale and Jonathan Knight who came from Newbury & John Hilliard & Stephen Beal who came from Salem are desirous of leaving the Island, & as in your opinion they are now quite free from any Infection of the Small Pox, & that they may come up to Town with safety to the

Inhabitants — We now give you liberty to let them leave the Island provided they can have a fresh suit of Clothes sent to them, and you satisfied as to Expence they have occasioned as Dr. Whitworth concurs with you in opinion that they are free from all Infection

By Order of the Selectmen
WILLIAM COOPER Town Clerk

Passed upon Thomas Crafts Province Account amounting as p. Copy on file to £. 3– 2– 4.

Mr. Paul Farmer was directed to receive into the Almshouse to be supported at the Province charge one Nelly Wright not an Inhabitant, & having nothing to support herself — Order signed by Mr. Austin & Wendell Selectmen & Mr. William Greenleaff Overseer.

Mr. ——— Ward from Portsmouth apply'd to the Selectmen for leave to open a School in this Town for teaching Children to Read &c. which was accordingly granted.

Mr. John Thompson Soapboiler apply'd for liberty to erect a Building in Beer Lane for makiug Soap, the Selectmen informed him, that the Law did not notice Soapboilers, but that if he should melt Tallow in said Buildings he would be exposed to the penaltys of the Law.

Mr. Paul Farmer was directed to receive into the Almshouse [**214.**] One Hugh Sloan a poor Stranger — Order signed by Mr. Benjc. Dolbear Overseer order dated the 9t. of Septemr. — and on the ——— Day of August one Mary Frutat (?) a poor Stranger — Order signed by Collc. Marshall & ——— Selectmen & Mr. Daniel Waldo Overseer.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Septemr 30', 1772. Present, Messs. Scollay, Hancock, Newell, Austin, Wendell.

Ordered that the Assize of Bread be set at Wheat @ 6/6. p. bushel and that 6d. p. Bushel be allowed to the Bakers for their Charges Pains & Livelihood, which is computed as follows, Vizt.

	lb.	oz.	dr.
A loaf of Brown Bread ¾ Wheat ¼ Rye Meal must weigh	2	8	–
a 4d. Ditto not above ½ Indian meal must weigh	3	8	–
Bisket of a Copper price - - - - - - - - - - - - -	4	6	–

Capt. Ballard of Engine N 1. presents John New, John Ballard Junr. Jonathan Brown Junr. & Walter Piper as suitable Persons for his Engine Company, in the room of others who ordered or have left the Company.

Voted, that the above Persons presented by Mr. Ballard be accepted as Engine Men.

Deacon Newell appointed to direct in the carrying off the Waste Water from Streets near Mr. Syrcombs House.

Upon application made by Major Barbour Commander of the North Battery, he was permitted by the Selectmen to admit such partys of officer and Mens exercise in the Battery, as he should think proper.

Major Barbour has exhibited to the Selectmen a List of Stoves belonging to the North Battery, which he found in the Battery upon his taking the Command of that Fortress — put on file.

The Selectmen have this Day agreed with Mr. Samuel Breck for the other Warehouse of the Town, lately improved by Mr. Henry Humphreys at £. 23 – 6 – 8 – p. annum. Rent to commence from the [215.] Day that Mr. Humphrys settles with the Town Treasurer.

The Selectmen have agreed to impower Capt. John Baker, to prosecute such Persons as presume to take Stones & Ballast from Deer Island.

Coll°. Hancock, Marshall & Wendell a Committee to continue the Rails near Mr. Hancocks House in the Common to the Water side.

Mr. Collector Henderson is directed by the Selectmen to discontinue the Suit Mr. Ruggles a former Collector commenced against Major Doane for Taxes.

Mr. Samuel Hartley Keeper of Hospital at Rainsfords Island apply'd to the Selectmen for liberty to get the Windows mended at the Hospital when he was directed to let Mr. Bove go down and repair said Windows.

Passed upon Mr. Thomas Willistons Province Acco^t. of Supplys for the visit to Rainsfords Island this Summer amounting to - £. 3– 4– 3
& Mr. Cordis' Acco^t. included - - - - - - - - - - - - - - 3– 4– 8

6– 8– 4

This Selectmen have this Day Agreed with Mr. Nathaniel Curtis, for the use of a peice of the Towns Land at So. End adjoining his own Land, being 45 feet front and 60 feet Rear — he to allow £3 lawful Money p. Annum as Rent.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen, Octr. 6, — 1772. Present, Messrs. Newell, Marshall, Austin, & Wendell.

Agnes Yarley Wife of a Soldier at Castle William, being turn'd away by ye Comand^g Officers applys for Relief.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen October 14', 1772 Present, Mess. Scollay, Hancock, Newell, Austin, Wendell.

[216.] Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen, Oct°. 14', 1772. Present, Scollay, Hancock, Newell, Austin, Wendell.

Mr. Willm. McNeil had liberty to open a Drain in Gridley's Lane, he to put the Street in good Repair again.

Mr. Hancock has Liberty to make use of Faneuil Hall on Wednesday & Fryday Even^g. for the Exercise of the Cadet Company.

Coll°. Marshall & Mr. Austin are appointed a Committee to Take a Survey of Pleasant Tree (?) & Report the State of it, & to also Survey the Street by Doct^r. Byles's.

Mr. Franklin Master of Engine N°. —— presented Mr. Robert Smallpiece as an Engine Man, who was approved of

Boston 7th Octr. 1772

Sir.

We are very sorry either to be troubled ourselves, or give you any Trouble with our Complaints of the Impositions on this Town by having Women & their Children belonging to your Regiment cast upon ye Town for their Support — This Sir even yourself being Judge is not only unreasonable but unjust, it being directly contrary to the Law of the Province which probably you may be a Stranger to, & therefore we think it necessary to let you know that the Law is whoever is the Occasion of any Person being brought into this Town & does not acquaint ye Selectmen thereof becomes liable for the Charge of all such Persons if they shou'd be reduced to necessitous Circumstances. The Reason of our present Application to you Sir is this We have been obliged to take into our Almshouse [**217.**] Agnes Yarley & her Child Wife of Robert Yarley of the 10th. Company (Capt. Flemings) of the 64th. Regiment who was in suffering Circumstances & Destitute of any Help — We have also another applys for the same Relf. Vizt. Christa Nelson her Child Wife of John Nelson in Capt. Armstrongs Company both which Persons are Women allowed by Government to Attend & follow the Regiment. We know nothing of the Character of these Women, neither does it concern us, they being properly under the Government of your Regiment, these Women you are sensible, are upon a different Footing from Judith Wright & her four Children who now are at the Expense of the Province for their Subsistance, who we wrote you about some time sinse — We must therefore depend on your Immediately sending for these Persons to the Castle that the Province may not be burthen'd with any further Charge

We are Sir Your Hum. Servts.

JOHN SCOLLAY
JOHN HANCOCK
TIMOTHY NEWELL
THOMAS MARSHALL
SAML. AUSTIN
OLIVER WENDELL

To Selectmen of Boston

Capt. Mackleroth

Mrs. Young Widow has liberty to open her Drain in Greens Lane taking Care fill up & pave ye Street.

(Memo. on a Journey)

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Octor. —— 1772. Present ———

[**218.**] Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Octor. 20.d. 1772. Present, Messrs. Scollay, Hancock, Newell, Marshall, Austin, Wendell.

Mr. Williston was directed to call upon the Collectors of Taxes and acquaint them that the Selectmen desire they will attend at the Chamber tomorrow afternoon and prepare their Bonds.

The Selectmen received several Petitions from a great Number of the Inhabitants, praying that a Town Meeting may be immediately called — the further consideration referred to the Meeting on the Morrow.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen, October 21, 1772. Present Mess. Scollay, Hancock, Newell, Marshall, Austin, Wendell.

Mr. Edward Hollyday a Collector of Taxes for 1772 appeared and proposed John Winslow Esq. & Mr. Martin Brimmer Appothecary as his Bondsmen.

Mr. Abraham Savage a Collector of Taxes for 1772 appeared and proposed Archibald McNeil, & Mr. Nathaniel Green as his Bondsmen.

Mr. Benjamin Henderson a Collector of Taxes for 1772 appeared and proposed, Capt. Job Prince and Mr. Edward Carnes as his Bondsmen.

Mr. Benjamin Gray a Collector of Taxes for 1772 appeared and proposed Mess. Thomas Leaveret & Mr. Richard Salter as his Bondsmen.

The Selectmen having considered the application for a Town Meeting, Voted Unanimously, that the Town Clerk issue a Warrant for calling one on Wednesday next at 10. O Clock Before Noon.

Voted, that Mr. Daniel Kneeland have the Printing of ye Notification.

Majr. Paddock proposes to the Selectmen, that Posts may be fixed by the Selectmen before the Trees near the Burying Place.

Voted, that Mr. Hancock be desired to see the proposal effected.

[**219.**] Agreed with Mr. Thomas Patten for the Engine House Adjoining Mr. Greens Land, for £6– lawful payable in twelve months — he to make good the Fence to the satisfaction of Mr. Green — for which he has given his note to the Treasurer.

Mr. Paul Farmer Keeper of the Almshouse was directed by two of the Selectmen vizt. Coll. Marshall & Mr. Wendell to receive into said House to be supported at the Province Charge one John McIntyre, he being a sick Stranger & not having wherewithall to support himself. Order signed by William Whitwell, an Overseer.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Octr. 24th, 1772. Present, Messrs. Scollay, Newell, Austin.

The Town Treasurer to be desired to advance £. 8– lawful money for Mr. Jacob Bucknam on account of Carting; he to deduct the same upon the first draft, being made in his favor.

The Town Clerk directed to get the Notifications for the ensuing Meeting printed and dispersed as soon as possible.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Octor. 28, 1772. Present, Messr. Scollay, Newell, Austin, Marshall.

Voted, that the Bondsmen proposed by the several Collectors

as named on the other side, be accepted, and the Town Clerk is directed to prepare the several Bonds accordingly.

Boston Ss: At a meeting of the Selectmen Octo^{r}. 31, A.M. 1772. Present, Mess^{s}. Scollay, Hancock, Newell, Marshall, Austin.

Passed upon M^{r}. Timothy Newell, Province Account amounting as p. Copy on file to £. 76– 6– 7.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Novr. 4, 1772. Present, Mess^{r}. Scollay, Hancock, Newell, Marshall, Wendel.

[**220.**] M^{r}. Adjutant Dows, has desired on behalf of a milatary chore [i.e *corps*] to have the use of Faneuil Hall three Monday Nights in a Month which was granted accordingly.

Ordered, that the Assize of Bread be set at Wheat at 6/6 p. bushel and that 6^{d}. p. Bushel be allowed to the Bakers for their Charges Pains & Livelihood, which is computed as follows — Viz^{t}.

	lb.	oz.	dr.
A Loaf of Brown Bread 3/4 Wheat 1/4 Rye Meal must weigh	2–	8–	
a 4^{d}. Ditto not above 1/2 Indian Meal. d^{o}.	3–	8–	
Bisket of a Copper price - - - - - - - -		4	6

M^{r}. Scollay, Deacon Newell & M^{r}. Wendell a Comm^{ee}. to view the Towns Land near the North Battery.

The Selectmen have agreed to view the Way near M^{r}. Syrcombs Fryday Morning 10. O'Clock.

M^{r}. Hancock Scollay & Newell a Comm^{ee}. to repair the head of the Dock and widen the Way.

M^{r}. Treasurer Jeffries was desired to pay William Bass & Ebenezer Gaffee five pounds lawful Money, on account of work at ye Ferry Way near Cops Hill, to be deducted out of their Draft when made.

The Town Clerk is directed to write to James Bryant of Little Cambridge & Capt. Nathl. Ruggles of Roxbury to Meet the Selectmen at the Hall next Tuesday 10. OClock, relative to the Market — and also to M^{r}. Samuel Pratt at Chelsea that he may see the Selectmen next Wednesday Afternoon — done —

The Town Clerk is directed to look up the Province Law relative to Fire Wood, & to Report to the Selectmen a Letter to be annexed to it, to the Wood Cutters.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Novem^{r}. 11. 1772. Present, Mess. Scollay, Hancock, Newell, Marshall, Austin.

The Town Clerk to write the Selectmen of Stoneham relative to one William Brown an Inhabitant of their Town who is sick at the Almshouse.

[**221.**] The Jury upon Paddys Alley, apply'd to the Selectmen for their Opinion whether they can proceed upon the Warrant directed to them from two of his Majestys Justices in Assessing

the damages & Advantages, of the Lands, taken & added; as some of the Partys have erected Fences upon the Land laid out as a Street.

The Selectmen upon the aforegoing application gave it as their Opinion that those Incumbrances should be removed before they proceed, that they would see to their removal.

The Town Clerk is directed to print about two hundred Extracts from the Province Law relative to Wood.

Voted, that Mr. Byles have the printing of them.

Collo. Marshall & Mr. Austin a Commee. to see Mr. Adams, and advise relative to the New Street.

Boston Ss: At a meeting of the Selectmen Novr. 17. 1772. Present, Mess. Scollay, Hancock, Newell, Marshall, Austin, Wendell.

The Selectmen having been informed by the Chairmen of the Committee of Correspondence that they were ready to make Report and it being the sense of the Town at their late Meeting, that the Inhabitants should be called together to receive said Report.

Voted, that the Town Clerk issue a Warrant for a Town Meeting to be held at Faneuil Hall on Fryday next 10. O'Clock, Before Noon.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen, Novemr. 18, 1772. Present, Mess. Scollay, Hancock, Newell, Austin, Wendell.

Collo. Marshall & Mr. Wendell a Committee to view Essex Street, and Report what is proper to be done.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen, Novr. 24, 1772. Present, Mess. Scollay, Marshall, Austin, Wendell.

[222.] Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Novr. 25, 1772. Present, Mess. Scollay, Hancock, Newell, Marshall, Austin, Wendell.

Ordered, that the Assize of Bread be set at Wheat at 6/6 p. bushel and that 6d. p. Bushel be allowed to the Bakers for their Charges Pains and Livelihood, which is computed as follows — Vizt. —

	lb.	oz.	dr.
A Loaf of Brown Bread 3/4 Wheat 1/2 Rye Meal must weigh	2	– 8	
a 4d. Ditto not above 1/4 Indian Meal. do.	3	– 8	
Bisket of a Copper price		4	– 6

Mr. Martin Constable of South Watch has orders to Enlist two men to Reinforce the Watch at the South part of the Town.

The following Draft was given to Mr. Jeffries

Boston, Nov. 25t. 1772.

Mr. David Jeffries

Sir please to pay to Mr. James Burrows Four pounds six shillings & eight pence, it being so much due to him for boarding

William Brown of Stoneham ten Weeks, We shall Take Care that this Town is reimbursed the Charge by the Town of Stoneham.

JOHN SCOLLAY
JOHN HANCOCK
TIMO. NEWELL
OLIVER WENDELL
Selectmen

The Town Clerk is directed to give Orders to Mr. John Bennet a Constable of the South Watch near the Sign of the Lamb.

The Town Clerk is directed to write the Selectmen of Stoneham to William Brown of their Town now in the Almshouse.

Mr. Wendell a Committee to examine into the state of the Engine House near the Old South Church.

Capt. Sutton of Engine No. 7. proposed James Sergeant for His Company in the room of Thomas Patten who is gone into the Grenaders Compy. — who is accordingly accepted.

Boston Ss: At a meeting of the Selectmen, Novr. 27, 1772. Present, Mess. Scollay, Newell, Marshall, Austin.

[**223.**] Voted, that the Town Clerk have a Draft for £. 20.

Deacon Newell Received of Haskill for Interest on his Bond of £. 200 — being part of Mrs. Brookers Donation — And is for one year £ 12 — lawful, which the Deacon is desired to keep till further Orders.

Boston Ss: At a meeting of the Selectmen, Decemr. 2', 1772. Present, Messr. Scollay, Newell, Marshall, Austin.

Boston Ss: At a meeting of the Selectmen, Decr. 9. 1772. Present, Messr. Scollay, Hancock, Newell, Marshall, Austin, Wendell.

Mr. Nathaniel Cobbit Agrees in behalf of the Widow Mays, that the determination of the Rent of the Ground where the Hay Engine stands shall be left to two Persons mutually chosen.

Dr. Wendell & Colle. Marshall a Committee to view Mr. Procters School House and Report the Repairs.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Decemr. 10. 1772. Present, Messr. Scollay, Newell, Marshall, Wendell.

The Briggandine Henry from Liverpool, Benjamin Smith master, but last from Gloucester, bieng ordered to Rainsfords Island by the Selectmen of that Town on Account of the Small Pox, which had been on board that Vessel — The master attended & acquainted the Selectmen that he left Liverpool the 16 Day of September & on the 25. one of his Sailors broke out with the Small pox, that two others had it since, one of whom died the 7th. Day of November; that there is 10 People now on board two of them Passengers one of whom is not certain that he has had the Distemper — his Loading consists of Salt Coal Crates of Earthen Ware & some Bale Goods; some of the Crates & 2 Boxes [**224.**] Are between Decks — That he had taken the utmost

care in smoking, airing &c. and this Account is confirm'd by the declaration of Mr. Rogers the Physician at Gloucester. whereupon, Voted — that the following Letter be sent to the Keeper of the Hospital at Rainsfords Island.

Boston Decemr. 10. 1772

Mr. Samuel Hartley,

The Briggandine Henry Benjamin Smith master from Liverpool, but last from Gloucester, having been ordered to your Island on account of three of the Peoples having had the Small Pox — Our Orders are that you receive on shore the Goods the Captain may deliver you in order to be aired and cleansed, and then smoke and wash the Vessel Bed Bedding &c. as usual together with everything else liable to Infection; and Report to us your procedure and the state of the Vessel, when you will receive our further Orders.

By Order of the Selectmen
William Cooper Town Clerk.

Thomas Wetherby of Dedham had an Order on the Selectmen of Roxbury, to receive all the Clothes and Effects of Elizabeth Clusly (?) a Poor Person deceased — Mr. Wetherby agreeing to take them at the value, and to be at the Selectmens chamber next Wednesday.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Decemr. 14, 1772. Present, Messr. Scollay, Newell, Austin, Wendell.

Mr. Hartley attended, and informed that he followed the direction of the Selectmen, in smoking cleansing &c. the Vessel Bed & Bedding &c. sent to the Island from Cape Ann — but that the Hampers between [225.] Decks, were not taken on Shore, the Captain apprehending that they were too much damaged to permit their being taken out — whereup. Voted, that Orders be given Mr. Hartley accordingly & a Certificate sent to the Governor.

Boston, Decemr. 14. 1772.

Mr. Samuel Hartley

You having Reported to us that you have strictly pursued our Orders in smoking the Briggandine Henry, ordered to your Island from Cape Ann, but that you had not taken the Hampers between Decks on shore nor the Bed & Bedding. This is to direct you to take the Hampers Bedding &c. between Decks on Shore if the Captain sees fit to deliver them and give the Vessel &c. another smoking when the Vessel will be permitted to leave the Island.

By Order of the Selectmen
William Cooper Town Clerk

May it please your Excellency

The Briggandine Henry Benjamin Smith master from Liverpool last from Cape Ann, having been sent to Rainsfords Island on account of some of the Seamen having had the Small Pox;

has been so well smoked & cleansed, that we are of Opinion she may be permitted to come up to Town without any danger to the Inhabitants, if your Excellency thinks proper.

We are

Your Excellencys

Most obedient

Humble Servant

JOHN SCOLLAY
TIMOTHY NEWELL
SAMUEL AUSTIN
OLIVER WENDELL

Boston Decem^r. 14. 1772.

To His Excellency Thomas Hutchinson, Esq.

[**226.**] Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Decem^r. 15, 1772. Present, Mess. Scollay, Hancock, Newell, Austin, Wendell.

Deacon Davis Owner of the Schooner Dove, Captain Pote from Baltimore in Maryland, having got the Small Pox on board and is stopt at Castle Island on that Account, which Vessel is loaded with Flour & Iron whereupon the Owner was directed to send said Schooner to Rainsfords Island. and the following Letter was sent M^r. Hartley.

Boston Decem^r. 15. 1772.

M^r. Samuel Hartley

The Schooner Dove Capt. Samuel Pote from Baltimore in Maryland having been stopt at Castle William as having the Small Pox on board; we have ordered said Schooner to Rainsfords Island, and when she arrives there you must not suffer any one to leave the Vessel or to come on board her without our permission, you must then examine into the state of the Vessel & Report the same to us as soon as may be; and after taking into the Hospital the Sick Person, if he can be removed with safety, you may then proceed to smoke and cleanse the Vessel Bed Bedding &^c. It may not be improper for you to inform the People on board that any one leaving the Vessel will expose him to a fine of £. 100. enquire whether any of the People has left the Vessel since she came from Baltimore, who they are & give us the Names with those who are on board

By Order of the Selectmen

WILLIAM COOPER Town Clerk

Gentlemen

This is to acquaint you that one John Pierce who served his Time in your Town with John Dealth Esq. is now together with his Wife & Children in our Almshouse — the said Peirce being by Infirmity disabled from Labour & not having wherewithall to support himself, upon Searching the Records for the County of Middlesex we cannot find [**227.**] That he has obtained an In-

habitancy in any Town since he left Sherburne — As he is now at your charge we hope you will take care to remove him to your Town & satisfy for the Charge already incurred

By Order of the Selectmen,

William Cooper Town Clerk

To

The Gentlemen the Selectmen

of Sherburne.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Decem^r. 16, 1772. Present, Mess^r. Scollay, Hancock, Newell, Marshall, Austin, Wendell.

One Sprague who left the Small Pox Vessel at New London, on his arrival here by the advice of his Owner Deacon Davis went to the Hospital at New Boston, upon Information thereof, D^r. Whitworth was desired to visit him who Reported that he apprehended he would have the Distemper and might be removed to Rainsfords Island in the morning with his own consent

Ordered that the Assize of Bread be set at Wheat at 7/ p. bushel and that 6^d. p. bushel be allowed to the Bakers for their Charges Pains & Livelihood, which is computed as follows — Viz^t.

	lb.	oz.	dr.
A Loaf of Brown Bread 3/4 Wheat 1/2 Rye Meal must weigh	2–	8	
a 4^d. Ditto not above 1/4 Indian Meal must weigh	3–	8	
Bisket of a Copper price	4–	2	

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen, Decem^r. 17. 1772. Present, Mess. Scollay, Hancock, Newell, Marshall, Austin, Wendell.

The Selectmen have ordered the Person who came out of the Small Pox Vessel to the Hospital at Rainsfords Island — and the following Letter was sent M^r. Hartley

Boston Decem^r. 17. 1772

M^r. Samuel Hartley

We have ordered to the Hospital at [228.] Rainsfords Island one Sprague who came to Town Yesterday, and is one of the Persons who left the Small Pox Vessel at New London. It is supposed that he has taken the Distemper, and we expect you take proper care of him, and that you also use the proper precautions that the Small Pox is not communicated to any others.

By Order of the Selectmen

William Cooper Town Clerk

Boston December 17. 1772

M^r. Andrew Tyler

Rev^d. Sir — This is to acquaint you that as the Superior Court have confirmed the doings of the Justices & Selectmen respecting Paddys Alley a Jury has been appointed to estimate & assess what the Partys are injured or bettered. Said Comm^ee. will sit next Monday, & as you have had Lands taken from you, your Joining with the other Petitioners may save you, considerable Ex-

pence — The Fences &c. you have Erected on that part of your Land which was laid into said Street will be taken down in a short time; of this you are advised that you may have time to take such steps as you may Judge proper

By Order of the Selectmen
WILLIAM COOPER Town Clerk

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen, Decr. 22d., 1772. Present, Messrs. Scollay, Hancock, Newell, Austin.

Mr. Hartley reported that he had taken from on board the Schooner Dove, Saml. Pote master (which was Ordered to Rainsfords Island the 15th. Instt.) all the mens Bedding Cloaths & every other Article Liable to Infection that he has washed & Smoked the Vessell in Such a manner that she may with once more Smoaking & Cleansing of her be permitted to Come to Town therefore gave him the following Orders.

[**229.**] Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Decemr. 23d. 1772. Present, Mess. Scollay, Hancock, Newell, Marshall, Austin.

Mr. Samuel Hartley having Reported that the Schooner Dove Capt. Samuel Pote from Maryland with the Small Pox has been sufficiently smoked & cleansed, — Voted that the following Letter be given Mr. Hartley.

Boston Decemr. 23d. 1772

Mr. Samuel Hartley

You having Reported to us that the Schooner Dove Capt. Samuel Pote has been so well smoked & cleansed that she may be permitted to come up with safety Our Orders are that you suffer her to leave the Island, you being satisfied for the charge. Also one Joseph Swasy who Dr. Whitworth has Reported to be quite free from Infection, he having a shift of Clothes to come up with.

By Order of the Selectmen
WILLIAM COOPER Town Clerk.

May it please your Excellency

The Schooner Dove Capt. Samuel Pote from Baltimore in Maryland, having been stopt at Rainsfords Island on Account of the Small Pox has been so well smoked & cleansed, that we are of Opinion she may be permitted to come up to Town, without any danger to the Inhabitants if your Excellency thinks proper We are

Your Excellencys
most obedient
Hum. Servts.

JOHN SCOLLAY
JOHN HANCOCK
TIMOTHY NEWELL
THOMAS MARSHALL
BENJAMIN AUSTIN
OLIVER WENDELL
Selectmen of Boston.

Boston Decemr. 23d. 1772

To His Excellency Thomas Hutchinson, Esq.

[230.] Boston Decem^{r}. 23^{d}. 1772

M^{r}. Samuel Hartley

You having Reported to the Selectmen that the Crites of Earthen Ware taken from on board Capt. Smith are sufficiently air'd and that they may be brought to Town without any danger to the Inhabitants you are therefore permitted to let Capt. Smith take them from the Island.

M^{r}. Thomas Hill apply'd for leave to open a Drain at the bottom of Summer Street; which was granted provided the Pavement be restored & the Ground made good to the Satisfaction of the Selectmen.

Boston Decem^{r}. 23^{d}. 1772

Gentlemen

You have hereunder an account of the Expence of keeping one William Brown of your Town, who was in such a sick state, as would not permit his going home to your Town, and required the attendance of a Doctor Nurse &c.

As the charges of the Town run very high with respect to the support of the Poor, we must desire your care that we be speedily reimbursed for the Expence being Seven pounds ten Shillings & 8^{d}. 1/2

By Order of the Selectmen
WILLIAM COOPER Town Clerk.

To
The Gentlemen of Selectmen
of Stoneham.

The Town of Stoneham to the Town of Boston — D^{r}.

			£.		
1772.	Decem^{r}.	To D^{r}. Samuel Danforth Junr. for attendance on William Brown, a sick Person	£.—	19.	6
		To Paul Farmer for Board from Octo^{r}. 29. to Decem^{r}. 5 Weeks & 1 day at 8/8		2– 4–	6½
		To James Burroughs for 10 Weeks Board at 8/8 - - - - - - - - - -		4– 6–	8
			£.	7″ 10″	8½

[231.] The Town Clerk was directed to publish the following Advertisement vizt.

Those Persons who have frequently incumbered Boston Neck by laying Street Dirt & other manure thereon are hereby informed that Orders are given, that such manure as shall hereafter be found there, be spread on such parts of the Towns inclosed Land, as may be most contiguous. And all Persons are warned against unloading their Timber on said Neck, as they will be thereby exposed to the Penaltys of the Law.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Decr. 25, 1772. Present, Messrs. Scollay, Hancock, Marshall, Austin, Wendell.

Information was given the Selectmen by Capt. Thomas Davis Master of the Brigg^n. ——— from Phylidelphia that one ——— Davis his Mate is now at his House unwell and he is fearful it is the Small Pox, as the Distemper was at that City when he left it — whereupon D^r. Whitworth was desired to see him, who reported that the Man had the Symptoms of the Small Pox, & supposed there might be some Eruptions in the Morning — and that the Man was willing to be removed to Rainsfords Island. Orders were accordingly given for his being sent down, provided the Doctor should not object to it on the Morrow.

The Town Clerk was directed to Petition the Governor that Orders may be given for stopping all Vessels at Castle William, coming from Maryland & Philadelphia, on account of the Small Pox being at both those places.

May it please your Excellency

Having received information that the Small Pox is spreading in Maryland & Philadelphia [232.] And several Persons coming in Vessels from both those Places having broke out with that Distemper, after their arrival here.

We must desire that Orders may be given to stop all Vessels at Castle William which may be coming from those Places, if your Excellency thinks proper.

We are

Your Excellencys
Most Obedient
Humble Servants
JOHN SCOLLAY
Selectmen of Boston

Boston December 26, 1772

M^r. Samuel Hartley

A person named ——— Davis who came in a Vessel from Philadelphia having as is supposed the Small Pox; we have sent him down to the Hospital you have the care of, and expect that everything shall be made agreeable to him while on the Island, as he will be able to defrey the charge of his Sickness &c. D^r. Whitworth has seen him and will attend him as may be necessary.

By Order of the Selectmen
WILLIAM COOPER Town Clerk.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen, Decem^r. 30, 1772. Present, Mess^r. Scollay, Hancock, Newell, Marshall, Austin, Wendell.

Ordered, that the Assize of Bread be set at Wheat at 7/ p. bush. & that 6^d. p. Bushel, be allowed to the Bakers for their Charges Pains & Livelihood which is computed as follows — Viz^t.

	lb.	oz.	dr.
A 4^d. Loaf Brown Bread 3/4 Wheat 1/4 Rye Meal must weigh	2–	8–	
a 4^d. ditto, not above 1/2 Indian Meal must weigh	3–	8–	
Bisket of a Copper price - - - - - - - - - - - - - - -			

[233.] Passed upon Dr Samuel Danforths Junr. Province Account amounting in the whole to £. 159 – 3 – 10 – as p. Copy on file.

Paid Mary Biggs Widow, out of Brookers Donation 2 Dollars p. Deacon Newell — entred again Jany. 6t.

Mr. Curtis Master of Engine No. 8. applys for the Premium allowed by the Town for playing first with their Engine on the Fire which broke out at Mr. Mays Barn.

Voted, that he have a draft for the same.

Deacon Newell Collo Hancock & Mr. Austin appointed to order necessary Repairs to the Hospital at New Boston, and to Report what things may be necessary for the reception of the sick.

The Selectmen agree to visit the Hospital at New Boston Fryday next 9. O Clock.

The following was sent the Assessors.

Gentlemen

It is our Opinion that the following Persons Inhabitants of other Towns in this Province ought to be taxed here for the Real Estate they Occupy & the business they do here, it being agreeable to Law — Vizt.

The Honble. James Russell Esq. Elisha Doane Esq.
Ralph Inman Esq. Joseph Rotch & Sons
Mr. Joseph Palmer Mess. Champney & Archer

We are
Gentlemen
Your hum. Servts.

John Scollay
Timothy Newell
Thomas Marshall
Samuel Austin
Oliver Wendell
Selectmen of Boston

To the Assessors of the Town of Boston
Boston Decemr. 30. 1772.

[234.] Passed upon Joshua Beals Province Account amounting to £. 7– 0– 4– as p. Copy on file.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Decr. 31, 1772. Present, Mess. Scollay, Hancock, Newell, Marshall, Austin.

Capt. Nathaniel Lampson of Sloop America, from Philadelphia stopt at Castle William on account of the small Pox being at that place, attended & informed the Selectmen that his Loading consists of Flour & Iron, — that there was no one of his People that were liable to that Distemper, neither had they anything on board the Sloop likely to retain any infection — whereupon it was Voted, that she may be permitted to come up to Town & that a Certificate be given the Governor accordingly.

May it please your Excellency

We have examined into the Circumstances of the Sloop Amer-

ica Captain Nathaniel Lampson from Philadelphia stopt at Castle William on account of the Small Pox; and are of Opinion that she may be permitted to come up to Town without danger to the Inhabitants if your Excellency thinks proper.

We are

Your Excellencys
Most Obedient
Humble Servants
JOHN SCOLLAY
JOHN HANCOCK
TIMOTHY NEWELL
THOMAS MARSHALL
SAMUEL AUSTIN
Selectmen of Boston.

His Excellency Thomas Hutchinson Esq.
Boston Decem^r. 31, 1772.

[**235.**] Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Jany. 6. 1773. Present, Messrs. Scollay, Newell, Marshall, Austin, Wendell.

Passed upon the Account of the Owners of Sloop America Nathaniel Lamson master for the passage of one Woman & 4 Children to Philadelphia am^t. to £. 4–16– as p. Copy on file.

The following distribution was made of the £. 12. Brookers Donation, received by Deacon Newell November 27. & then minuted.

N	Widow Biggs	£.	– 12
M	Widow Fowle	1 –	4
A.	Widow Whitcomb		18
A.	Widow Oliver		12
A.	Widow Mearsey		12
N.	The Leblonds	1 –	4
W.	Widow Oliver		12
Jeffries,	Mrs Delaplace		12
N.	Elizabeth Peterson	1 –	4
S.	Widow Bass		12
A.	Widow Harskins		12
Jeffries,	Widow Lee		12
N.	Widow Chaple		18
N.	Widow Wise		12
M.	M^rs. Smith		12
N.	Widow Berry		12

Gave Samuel Franklyn Master of Engine No. 9. New Orders of the common tenor — dated January 12, 1773 — allowed 17 men besides himself.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen, Jany. 13, 1773. Present, Mess^s. Scollay, Newell, Marshall, Austin, Wendell.

M^r. Hartley Reports, that Nailer Hatch the Master of Deacon Davis Vessel, is now well of the Small Pox, and been so thoroughly smoked and cleansed, that he may leave the Island without

danger to the Inhabitants — whereupon Voted, that the following Letter be sent Mr. Hartley.

Sir

You having Reported that Capt. Nailer Hatch is quite recovered of the Small Pox and has been so well smoked and cleansed that he may leave the Island with safety — Our Orders are that you continue to cleanse the said Hatch till the 23d. of this Month when you may permit him to leave the Island with a fresh suit of Clothes you having been first satisfied for the charge he has occasioned

By order of the Selectmen
William Cooper Town Clerk.

[236.] Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Jany. 15. 1773. Present, Mess. Scollay, Newell, Marshall, Austin.

Elijah Luce Master of Schooner Elizabeth from Baltimor in Maryland attended & informed that he left that place Christmas Day; his People all well & the Vessel loaded with Flour & Iron whereupon the following was sent his Excellency

May it please your Excellency

The Schooner Elizabeth Elijah Luce master from Baltimore in Maryland, having been stopt at Castle William on account of the Small Pox, we have examined into the Circumstances of said Vessel, and are of opinion she may be permitted to come up to town with safety to the Inhabitants if your Excellency thinks fit.

We are
Your Excellencys
Most obedient
Humble Servants
John Scollay
Timothy Newell
Thomas Marshall
Samuel Austin
Selectmen of Boston.

His Excellency Thomas Hutchinson Esq.

Boston January 15, 1773.

Boston, Ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen, Jany. 20, 1773 A.M. Present ———

Mr. John Savage Owner of the Schooner Polly Jonathan Greely master, from Philadelphia attended & acquaints the Selectmen that said Vessel has been stopt at the Castle on accot. of the Small Pox being in Philadelphia, that the People are all well on board, & the lading consisting wholly of Flour & Iron — whereupon the following was sent his Excellency the Governor.

[237.] May it please your Excellency

The Schooner Polly Jonathan Greely master from Philadelphia, having been stopt at Castle William on Account of the Small

Pox — We have examined into the circumstances of said Vessel, and are of Opinion she may be permitted to come up to Town with safety to the Inhabitants if your Excellency thinks fit.

We are
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Most Obedient
Humble Servants
JOHN SCOLLAY
TIMOTHY NEWELL
THOMAS MARSHALL
SAMUEL AUSTIN
Selectmen of Boston

Boston January 20. 1773.
His Excellency Thomas Hutchinson Esq.

Boston Ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen, January 20, 1773. P.M. Present, Mess^s. Scollay, Newell, Marshall, Austin, Wendell.

M^r. Paul Farmer was directed to receive into the Almshouse to be supported at the public charge one Henry Reynolds a Stranger & not an Inhabitant of any Town in the Province, who has froze his Fingers & has not wherewithall to support himself — Order signed by two of the Selectmen. Viz^t. John Scollay Esq. & M^r. Timothy Newell & M^r. William Greenleaff an Overseer.

Mr. Samuel Holbrick apply'd for a stove for the South writing School, & Coll^o. Marshall & M^r. Wendell were appointed a Comittee to provide one.

M^r. Hews, Master of Engine N^o. ——— apply'd to [238.] the Selectmen for the Premium allowed by the Town for bringing their Engine to work first upon the Fire which broke out at M^r. Winter Calfs Bark House drawn for.

Voted, that M^r. Shubael Hines have a draft for said Premium next Draft Day. drawn for.

Voted by the Selectmen that the Bonds that are due on Account of Brookers Donation should be turn'd into Real Security as soon as possible.

M^r. Austin & Wendell a Committee for the above purpose and to direct the Town Clerk as to the manner of stating all Accounts & entring the same in a Book to be provided for that particular purpose.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen, January 23^d., 1773. Present, Mess^s. Scollay, Newell, Marshall, Austin, Wendell.

His Excellency the Governor handed to the Selectmen a Letter he had received from A. Leslie an Officer at Castle William informing his Excellency, that a Schooner from Maryland had passed the Island & would not stop upon any account. whereupon —

Josiah Gorham the Master of said Schooner William & the Owners of the Vessel were sent for, when the Captain declared that he did not understand what was said to him by the officer on

duty, it being a thick heavy Snow Storm, that if he had heard it, he should have immediately brought too his Schooner — the following Letter was then sent his Excellency.

May it please your Excellency

In consequence of your Excellencys information, we immediately sent for Capt. Gorham master of the Schooner William together with his Owners, & upon a strict examination, it appears to us that the Captain did not hear the Orders of the Officer on duty at the Castle by means of a heavy Snow Storm, & that if he had heard them he [**239.**] Would as he declares immediately have obeyed them — We have therefore directed the Captain to wait upon your Excellency in order to satisfy you as to the truth of his declaration and shall defer the prosecution untill we hear further from your Excellency

We are

Your Excellencys
Most obedient
Humble Servants

JOHN SCOLLAY,
TIMOTHY NEWELL,
THOMAS MARSHALL,
SAMUEL AUSTIN.

His Excellency Thomas Hutchinson Esq.

Boston January 15. 1773.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen, January 27, 1773. Present, Mess. Scollay, Newell, Marshall, Austin.

Passed upon Gibbins Bouve's Province Account amounting to £. 9– 2/– as p. Copy on file.

Passed upon John Burroughs, Province Account amounting as by Copy on file to £. 2– 15– 8

Ordered that the Assize of Bread be set at Wheat at 7/ p. Bushel and that 6d. p. Bushel be allowed to the Bakers for their Charges Pains and Livelihood which is computed as follows Vizt.

	lb.	oz.	dr.
A Loaf of brown Bread $\frac{1}{4}$ Wheat $\frac{3}{4}$ Rye meal must weigh	2–	8–	
a 4d. ditto not abo. $\frac{1}{2}$ Indian Meal must weigh	3–	8	
a Bisket of a Copper price	4–	2	

Ordered by the Selectmen that Capt. Sloans (?) Engine No. 10– be named the HANCOCK ENGINE.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen, Febv. 3d. 1773. Present, Mess. Scollay, Newell, Marshall, Austin, Wendell.

Mr. Paul Farmer Keeper of the Almshouse was directed to receive into the Almshouse to be supported at the Province [**240.**] A Child of one Mackay a Soldiers Widow, she being a Stranger and not an Inhabitant of any Town in this Province, nor having wherewithall to support herself. the Childs name is Thomas Mackay.

Order signed by two Selectmen — vizt. Deacon Newell & M^{r}. Wendell & William Greenleaff an Overseer.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen February 8 1773. Present, Mess^{r}. Scollay, Newell, Marshall, Austin.

Capt. Nathaniel Bosworth of Schooner Dolphin, attended, and Reports, that he left Baltimore in Maryland, the 11 of January last, that the People on board are all well, and his loading consists wholly of Flour and Iron, said Vessel being stopt at Castle William on acco^{t}. of the Small Pox, the following was sent the Governor.

May it please your Excellency

The Schooner Dolphin Capt. Nathaniel Bosworth from Baltimore in Maryland, having been stopt at Castle William on account of the Small Pox; we have examined into the Circumstances of said Vessel and are of Opinion she may be permitted to come up to Town with safety to the Inhabitants if your Excellency thinks fit.

We are

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Selectmen of Boston

Boston Feby. 8. 1773

His Excellency Thomas Hutchinson Esq.

Capt. Thomas Groce Master of Sloop Grampus, from Baltimore being stopt at Castle William on Account of the Small Pox, in that place attended, and Reports, that he left Maryland the 15 of January; and his People all well; that his lading consists of Flour and Iron.

Whereupon a Letter of the above tenor was sent his Excellency the Governor.

[**241.**] Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen February 10, 1773 A.M. Present, Mess. Scollay, Newell, Marshall, Austin.

Joshua Paine Master of the Schooner Hannah, stopt at Castle William on account of the Small Pox being at Baltimore in Maryland, attended, & Reports — That he left that place about thirteen Days since; his loading consisting of Flour and Iron, & that his People are all well on board — whereupon Voted, that the following Letter be sent His Excellency.

May it please your Excellency

The Schooner Hannah Joshua Paine Master from Baltimore in Maryland, having been stopt at Castle William on account of the Small Pox; we have examined into the Circumstances of said

Vessel and are of Opinion she may be permitted to come up to Town with safety to the Inhabitants if your Excellency thinks fit.

We are

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THOMAS MARSHALL
SAMUEL AUSTIN
Selectmen of Boston

Boston Feby. 10. 1773

His Excellency Thomas Hutchinson Esq.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen, Feby. 10, 1773, P.M. Present, Messr. Scollay, Newell, Marshall, Austin, Wendell.

Gave Mr. Samuel Whitwell an Order to deliver one Margaret Peckin a poor Stranger on the Province Account Six feet of Wood.

Mr. Jenkins Master of Engine N. 3. presented, William Minzie & Joseph Clark as Engine men in the room of William [242.] Page and John Adams, who decline serving upon account of their age —

Voted, that they be accepted accordingly.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Feby. 11., 1773. Present, Mess. Newell, Marshall, Austin, Wendell.

Mr. Hartley Keeper of the Hospital at Rainsfords Island Reported, that Benjamin Sprague & Thomas Davis, who had the Small Pox, at the Island, are quite well, so thoroughly smoked & cleansed that they may leave the Island with safety to the Inhabitants — whereupon the following Letter was given Mr. Hartley.

Boston Feby. 11. 1773.

Mr. Samuel Hartley

You having Reported to us that Benjamin Sprague & Thomas Davis who have had the Small Pox at your Island are now well recovered and so thoroughly cleansed as that they may leave the Island with safety — Our Orders are that you permit said Persons to leave the Hospital as soon as they have a fresh suit of Clothes sent them, and shall satisfy you for the charge they have occasioned while at the Island.

By order of the Selectmen
WILLIAM COOPER Town Clerk.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen, Feby. 13, 1773. Present, messrs. Scollay, Newell, Marshall, Austin.

The Butchers who hire Stalls in Faneuil Hall Market were ordered to attend —

Mr. John Robinson gave a Note of hand for what was due on Accot. of the Stalls, Bryan formerly improved, & signed a new Lease for 7 Stalls dated 1st. Jany. last at 5–16–3 p. Quarter.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen &c.

[243.] Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen, Feby. 15, 1773. Present, Messrs. Scollay, Newell, Marshall, Austin.

The Overseers and Justices made Report of the State of the Town, with respect to their several Wards as by the Papers on File.

Boston Ss: At a meeting of the Selectmen, Feby. 17. 1773. Present, Mess. Scollay, Newell, Marshall, Austin, Wendell.

Mr. Robert Hallowell applys to the Selectmen for liberty to erect a Fence before his late Fathers Mansion House, Liberty was accordingly granted, provided, the Fence be taken down again, when the Selectmen shall apprehend it inconvenient to the Inhabitants.

Deacon Newell appointed to settle Mr. Thomas Russells Account.

Boston Ss: At a meeting of the Selectmen, Feby. 22d., 1773. Present, Mess. Scollay, Hancock, Newell, Marshall, Austin, Wendell.

The Selectmen, taking into consideration who was a proper Person to fill up the place of Mr. Thomas Williston, who for a number of years had attended them on the Towns Business; Agreed to give the Offer of the office to Mr. William Barrett Sexton of Dr. Coopers Church.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen, Feby. 23d. 1773. Present, mess. Scollay, Newell, Marshall, Austin, Wendell.

Complaint was made by a number of Inhabitants, of the behavior of one Bill Son of the Blind Man of this Name, which was such as made them apprehensive of mischief being done them & the Town by his means —The Selectmen thereupon apply'd to Mr. Justice Quincey, and some of the Inhabitants having entred a Complaint with him in Writing, he was proceeded with as a vagrant, and is now under Mr. Lazinbys care.

[244.] Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen February 24, 1773. Present, mess. Scollay, Newell, Marshall, Austin, Wendell.

Mess. Whitwell & Greenleaff, two of the Overseers apply'd to the Selectmen for the removal of Peggy Reed Alias ——— belonging to Piscataqua, and one Lucy a negro Woman who came from Newbury.

Deacon Newell has received of the Administrator of Onesiphorus Tileston Esq. Sixty pounds being principal and three pounds two shilling Interest in all £. 63– 2/ lawful Money, being part of Brookers Donation and the Bond was delivered up.

Ordered, that the Assize of Bread be set at Wheat at 7/ p. bushel, and that 6d. p. bushel be allowed to the Bakers for their Charges Pains and Livelihood, which is computed as follows — Vizt.

	lb.	oz.	dr.
A Loaf of Brown Bread $\frac{3}{4}$ Wheat $\frac{1}{4}$ Rye meal must weigh	2–	8–	
a 4^{d}. Ditto not above $\frac{1}{2}$ Indian Meal must weigh - - - - - - - - - - - - - -	3–	8–	
Bisket of a Copper price - - - - - - - -		4–	2

Boston Feby. 25. 1773.

M^{r}. Daniel Davis

Sir, Your Son has doubtless acquainted you that he has lately passed through the Small Pox at the Province Hospital at Rainsfords Island where he experienced the greatest care and assistance during the course of his illness; The charge of the same amounts as by an Account of particulars hereunder to £. 15. We have applyed to him by M^{r}. Hartley the Keeper of the Hospital, for a reimbursement, but he declines it, giving as a reason his inability to do it. We thought it proper to acquaint you therewith, and to desire you to inform us whether you will discharge the Account for your Son, which if you should decline a demand will be made on your Town as the Province Law directs, which from what we hear of your Abilities and Family, we would hope you may prevent

By Order of the Selectmen
William Cooper Town Clerk.

P.S. The Account of Particulars will be ready at present it is mislaid.

[**245.**] Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen, March 2^{d}. 1773. Present, Mess. Scollay, Newell, Marshall, Austin.

Voted that agreeable to a Vote of the Town at May Meeting, the Town Clerk be directed to issue a Warrant for a Town Meeting on March 5. to receive the Committees Report, who were directed to provide an Orator to pronounce an Oration in commemoration of the late horrid Massacre the 5. of March 1770.

Mess. Fleets are to have the printing of the Notifications for the Town meeting.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen March 3^{d}. 1773 Present, Mess^{r}. Scollay, Marshall, Austin.

M^{r}. Bradfords informs that he has let a House at the South end unto one William Plympton from the Town of Sturbridge.

M^{r}. Norcrost master of Engine N. 6. presents, John Jackson and John Hall as proper Persons for the Engine Company.

M^{r}. Vaux applys to be admitted as one of the Grave Diggers

M^{r}. Barrass Wife of one Barrass from N. York, a Province Poor applys to the Selectmen for Relief, being near her time having one Child, and her Husband absconded. M^{r}. William White an Overseer was directed to supply her at the Province Charge.

Town Clerk directed to issue his Warrant for March Meeting the 8. of March Ins^{t}.

Voted, that Deacon Newell & M^{r}. Scollay be a Comm^{ee}. to desire the Rev^{d}. M^{r}. Pemberton to open the Meeting with Prayer.

Capt. Curtis of Engine N°. 8. presents William Corbet as an Engine Man in the room of John Lovering out of health who was accepted.

Voted, that M^{r}. Thomas have the printing of the Notification for Town Meeting.

[**246.**] Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen, March 10 1773. Present. Mess. Scollay, Hancock, Newell, Austin.

M^{r}. Eyres, Greanleaff & M^{r}. Josiah Collins, apply'd to be Constables of the Watch at New Boston.

The Selectmen having heard Capt. Waters and M^{r}. Adjutant Dows relative to the Hall, it was determined that they should each have the Hall two Nights, in a Month. the Adjutant to have the first Monday Night.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen, March 17. 1773. A.M. Present, Mess. Scollay, Hancock, Newell, Austin.

The Schooner Drake, Capt. ——— Groce from Maryland being stopt at Castle William on account of the Small Pox, the master Reports that his Lading consists wholly of Corn and ———. and that he has no thing liable to infection on board, whereupon, Voted, that he may be permitted to come up to Town & that the following be sent his Excellency.

May it please your Excellency

The Schooner Drake Capt. ——— Groce from Maryland having been stopt at Castle William on account of the Small Pox, we have examined into the circumstances of said Vessel and are of Opinion she may be permitted to come up to Town with safety to the Inhabitants if your Excellency thinks fit.

We are

Your Excellencys

Most Obedient

Humble Servants

JOHN SCOLLAY
JOHN HANCOCK
TIMOTHY NEWELL
SAMUEL AUSTIN

Boston March 17 1773.

His Excellency Thomas Hutchinson Esq.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen, March 17. 1773. P. M. Present, Mess^{s}. Scollay, Hancock, Newell, Austin, Marshall, Pitts.

Upon application, M^{r}. Adjutant Daws was permitted to make use of the Hall for the exercising the Sergeants of the Regiment, the two last [**247.**] Thursday Evenings in a Month.

M^{r}. Sprague this Day delivered up the Key of the Shop he Rented, situated near the Consert house.

The Shop was Rented to M^{r}. Daniel Parks for Three 3 pounds six Shillings & 8^{d}. p. annum and the Town Clerk is directed to draw a proper Writing for him to sign.

Mr. Greanleaff Constable was directed to purchase a Staff of Mr. Salmons Widow which he supposed might be sold for about 8/ and to bring in a Bill for the same, when purchased.

Messr. Minot, & Oliver & Joseph Vose apply to hire Deer Island of the Town.

Peter Meloy a sick Stranger was sent to the Almshouse to be supported at the Province charge, he having nothing to support himself. Order on Mr. Farmer the Keeper of the Almshouse was signed by Mr. Scollay & Collo. Hancock two of the Selectmen & Mr. William Greenleaff an Overseer.

Mr. Paul Farmer was directed to permit Mr. John Pierce to go out of the House Days in order to find an employ for the support of himself and Family, he being now recovered from his disorder.

Passed upon two of Mr. Paul Farmers Province Accounts amounting to £. 550– 15– 3 1/4 and £. 42– 6. 6. as p. Copys on file.

Capt. Gibbins Sharp Master of Engine No. 2. apply'd to the Selectmen for the Premium allowed by the Town for bringing their Engine to work first on the Fire which broke out at Mr. Lorings House in Middle Street, a few Weeks ago, which was granted — drawn for.

The Selectmen having inquired into the Circumstances of the Small Pox in Maryland and Philadelphia, and finding there was no occasion to continue the prohibition — the following was sent the Governor.

May it please your Excellency

Having enquired into the Circumstances of the Small Pox in Maryland & Philadelphia, were of [**248.**] Opinion there will be no further occasion to stop Vessels at the Castle which may be coming from those Places, and that the Prohibition may be now taken off if your Excellency thinks proper.

We are

Your Excellencys

Most Obedient

Humble Servants

John Scollay
John Hancock
Timo. Newell
Thomas Marshall
Samuel Austin
John Pitts
Selectmen of Boston

Boston, March 17, 1773

His Excellency Thomas Hutchinson Esq.

Boston Ss: At a meeting of the Selectmen March 24, 1773 Present Messrs. Scollay, Hancock, Newell, Austin, Pitts.

Mr. Pratt applys to the Selectmen for the Widow of Mr. Sam. Pratt, that she may have Deer Island for some time.

Mr. Paul Farmer was desired to discharge from the Almshouse one Patrick McClouglin a Province Poor.

The Selectmen having received a Complaint from several Per-

sons that a Comic Satirick Lecture called the Times was to be performed at Concert Hall — the Clerk was directed to apply to Mr. Turner & acquaint him that it would be very disagreeable to the Inhabitants as well as contrary to Law, and that the Selectmen give him this notice to prevent a prosecution which would be the consequence of such a procedure.

Capt. Curtis informed that he had taken into a House of his as a Tenant, Mr. Martin from Lynn.

Mr. William Sutton, master of Engine No. 7 applys to the Selectmen for the Premium allowed by the Town for playing first with their Engine at the Fire which lately broke out at the Court House — not granted to him.

Voted, that he have a draft next draft Day.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen, March 31, 1773. Present Messrs. Scollay, Newell. Marshall, Austin, Pitts.

[249]. Ordered, that the Assize of Bread be set at Wheat at 7 p. bushel and 6d. p. Bushel be allowed to the Bakers for their charges Pains and Livelihood, which is computed as follows — Vizt.

	lb.	oz.	dr.
A Loaf of Brown Bread ¾ Wheat ¼ Rye meal must weigh	2	8	–
A 4d. Ditto not above ½ Indian meal must weigh	3	8	–
Bisket of a Copper price - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - -	4	2	–

Colle. Marshall appointed to lay some Sea Gravel on Essex Street.

Mr. Farmer Keeper of the Almshouse was directed to permit one Thomas Eaton a Poor Stranger, to leave the Almshouse in order to his returning back to Maryland

Order signed by Mr. Scollay and Mr. Newell.

Mr. Carter having made application to the Selectmen for being admitted one of the Grave Diggers, in the room of Mr. Thomas Williston deceased; he was accordingly approved of; as the Sextons of the Old Church had been Grave Diggers for a long course of years.

Capt. Shubael Hews of Engine No. 5 applys for the Premium allowed by the Town for bringing their Engine to work first at the Fire which broke out at the Court House and Custom house — which were granted him. drawn for.

The Selectmen have agreed to view the Land Leased to Bracket & others, on Fryday next, and at the same time to view the Fortification, which has been damaged in the late Storm.

Gave Uriah Norcrost Orders as an Engine master.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen at Mr. Wendells House he being confined at home by indisposition, Present Messrs. Scollay, Hancock, Newell, Marshall, Austin, Wendell, Pitts.

The Great and General Court having at their last Session passed an Act to regulate the Sale of Goods at Public Vendue and to limit the Number of Auchtioners, by which Act the Selectmen of each Town or a major part of them at a meeting [250] called for that purpose are impowered from time to time by writ-

ing under their hands to License some suitable Person or Persons for that purpose, not exceeding the number of four in any Town within this Province, nor for any term of time exceeding one year from the Day of granting such License — And whereas said Act is to commence and be in force from and after the 31/ of March Instant; the Selectmen have this Day taken the Subject matter of said Act into Consideration, and after mature deliberation thereon, Agreed, that Four Persons should now be chose by a written Vote for this Town, and the Votes being accordingly given in and sorted, it appeared that Deacon Benjamin Church, Mr. Joseph Russel, Capt. Andrew Oliver and Mr. William Greenleaf, were chosen Vendue Masters for the Year ensuing.

The above named Persons were then sent for, and attending accordingly were informed by the Selectmen that they were chose into the Office of Vendue Master for the Town of Boston for the term of one year, under the limitations and restrictions of the aforementioned Act; and that it was the desire of the Trade of the Town that they should confine themselves to the selling of Goods, at Vendue only; whereupon they voluntarily agreed and declared to the Selectmen that they would not sell any British or European Goods at private Sale, but at Auction or public Vendue only, during their continuance in the Office of Auchtioners to which they had been chosen.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen April 1, 1773. A.M. Present, Mess. Scollay, Hancock, Newell, Austin, Pitts.

It was ordered that the Town Clerk deliver the [251] Following License to Deacon Benjamin Church, and others, of the same tenor to the rest of the Auchtioneers — vizt.

Joseph Russell, William Greenleaff & Andrew Oliver.

Boston March 27. 1773 —

Mr. Benjamin Church

Sir, Agreeable to the power and authority vested in us the Subscribers by an Act of the Great and General Court passed at their late Session for the regulating the Sale of Goods at public Vendue; We have appointed you one of the Four Auchtioneers for the Town of Boston and do hereby grant you full License to sell at Public Vendue, Auchtion or Out-cry in said Town, any Goods, Wares or merchandize whatsoever under the restrictions and limitations of said Act; for the term of one year and no longer; said term to commence from the thirty first of March Instant; not doubting but that you will in every respect conduct in this Business agreeable to Law, and as the Duty of your Office shall require —

John Scollay
John Hancock
Timothy Newell
Thomas Marshall
Samuel Austin
Oliver Wendell
John Pitts
Selectmen of Boston

Boston Ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen, April 1, — 1773. P.M. Present, Mess. Scollay, Hancock, Newell, Austin, Pitts, Marshall

Coll°. Hancock, Mr. Wendell, & Mr. Pitts, a Commee. to see the Bank repaired in the Common and any other things done they may think proper.

Voted, that the New Boston Bell be rung at 11. 1. & 9 OClock.

[252.] The Selectmen took into consideration, the Vote of the Town for appointing a New Watch at West Boston, when Mr. Townsend was appointed Constable of the Watch at New Boston — & Edward Saunders was appointed Constable of the North Watch in the room of Mr. Townsend removed.

Boston Ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen April 5, 1773. Present, Mess. Scollay, Hancock, Newell, Marshall, Austin, Pitts

There having been several Warehouses broke open and Goods taken out by some evil minded Persons who also attempted to set fire to those Stores, the following directions were given the Dock Constable of the Watch, Vizt.

Boston April 5. 1773.

Mr. Edward Ireland

There having been of late several Roberies committed and Houses broken open in the Night, accompanied with other alarming Circumstances, it is therefore our Orders that you this Night (and for every Night untill you have orders to omit it) set two of your best Men alternately to Patrol all the Night among the Warehouses of the Town Dock in order to detect such Villanies —

In the Name & behalf of the Selectmen

JOHN SCOLLAY

&c.

Orders of much the same tenor was also given Mr. Burdick another Constable of the Watch.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen April 7., 1773. Present, Messs. Scollay, Hancock, Newell, Marshall, Austin, Pitts.

Mr. Foster and Capen two Persons of the Sect called Sandemanians attended and acquainted the Selectmen that they had lately lost their House of Worship by Fire — and therefore praying that they might have the use of the North Lattin School upon Sabbaths — Liberty was accordingly granted, that for the present they might have the use of said School on the Sabbaths, untill they could provide themselves with another Place of Worship — they paying all damages the School may receive by their use of it which they agreed to.

[253.] Mr. Franklyn master of Engine N°. 9. attended & proposed Archibald Rainey, for his Engine Company in the room of John Melledge who has resigned — he was accordingly approved of.

The Selectmen Reconsidered their Vote respecting a Constable

of the New Boston Watch; and appointed Mr. John Torry Constable, he to have three men under him — the following short directions were given him.

Boston April 6. 1773.

Mr. John Torry

The Selectmen having appointed you Constable of the Watch at New Boston, Our directions are that you Patrole all the West part of the Town as far as Soutwicks Court where Mr. Pitts lives from thence down Sudbury Street and through the Street round by the Distill houses and so through all the West part of the Town — you will soon have Orders more full.

By Order of the Selectmen
William Cooper
Town Clerk.

Passed upon the Towns Account with the Province for the charge of Boarding Nursing &c. Persons with the Small Pox also including several Articles for the Province Boat amounting to £. 147– 4– 7– as p. Copy on file.

The Selectmen received the following Warrant from the Judge of Probate &c.

Suffolk Ss: Foster Hutchinson Esq. Judge of Probate &c.
To the Selectmen of Boston
Greeting —

You are hereby desired & impowered to examine into the condition and circumstances of Elder William Parkman an Inhabitant of Boston represented to me by his Friends to be a Non Compos Person, and you are to Report to me whether you are of Opinion that he is an Idiot Lunatick or Non Compos Person or is capable of taking care of his Estate.

Given under my hand & seal of Office this 19′. Day of March 1773.

F. Hutchinson

[**254.**] The following Return was made on the Warrant.

Boston April 7. 1773.

In pursuance of the above Warrant we have visited Elder William Parkman, and inquired into his Circumstances and state of Mind and do Report That in our Opinion he is through Age and Infirmity so broken in Mind as renders him incapable of taking care of his Estate.

John Scollay
John Hancock
Timothy Newell
Thomas Marshall
Samuel Austin
John Pitts
Selectmen of Boston

To the Honble. Foster Hutchinson Esq.
Judge of Probate.

Major Paddock apply'd to the Selectmen for Liberty to make a Scuttle through the Roof of the Gun House in order to have a Platform to exhibit Fire works.

Liberty was accordingly granted.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen April 14, 1773. Present, Mess. Scollay, Newell, Marshall, Austin, Pitts.

The Selectmen have agreed to have a Meeting with the Justices next Thursday Seven night being 22d. Inst. 3. OClock. P.M.

Passed upon John Hutchinsons Province Account amounting as p. Copy on file to £. 2– 8–

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen April 17. 1773. Present, Mess. Scollay, Newell, Marshall, Austin, Pitts.

Information having been given the Selectmen that the Briggandine ——— Capt. Hozea which arrived here this Evening from Liverpool has had the Small Pox on board, notwithstanding which the Capt. has delivered a number of Letters, and suffered his People & Passingers to leave the Vessel, without giving any notice to the Selectmen.

[**255.**] Mr. Barret was directed to find him and require his attendance but he not being to be found, the following Letter was given Mr. Hartley, the Selectmen having first Voted that the Briggn. should be sent down to the Island immediately.

Boston April 17. 1773

Mr. Samuel Hartley —

The Briggn. ——— Capt. Hosea from Liverpool who arrived this Evening having had the Small Pox on board since she left that City. We have ordered the Vessel to Rainsfords Island immediately when you must examine into the Circumstances and Report the same as soon as you are able. We depend upon your taking proper care that no one leaves the Vessel or goes on board untill you have our permission.

By Order of the Selectmen —

WILLIAM COOPER Town Clerk

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen April 21. 1773. Present, Mess. Scollay, Newell, Marshall, Austin, Pitts.

Mr. Benjamin Gray applys for his Bond to be given up for 1773 The Clerk was directed to deliver up the same.

Mr. Benjamin Henderson applys for the delivery of his Bond for 1771. The Clerk was directed to deliver up the same.

Patrick Kelly apply'd to the Selectmen for their recommendation to the Sessions that he may be appointed a Measure of Coal and Salt — and he was recommended accordingly.

Robert Williams applys to the Selectmen for liberty to set up Posts before his House — Liberty is accordingly granted provided it be done to the approbation of the Selectmen, and Collo. Marshall is appointed to view the Ground & give directions.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen April 24. 1773. Present Mess. Scollay, Newell, Marshall, Pitts.

Mr. George Bethune Owner of Briggandine Sea Nymph, Capt. Mc.Ewen master from Liverpool attended and informs that said Vessel left Liverpool about 40 Days ago and that some of the Seamen — [256.] Having the Small Pox, the Vessel had stopt at Rainsfords Island

Boston April 24. 1773.

Mr. Samuel Hartley

The Briggn. Sea Nymph Capt. Mc.Ewen from Liverpool, being stopt at Rainsfords Island upon account of the Small Pox being on board her. Our Orders are that such Persons as have the Distemper, be removed to the Hospital as soon as it may be done with safety — those Persons who expect to be taken with it must be put into the Well-house. You must not suffer any one to leave the Vessel or Island without our permission, nor allow any one to go on board without our liberty. You must take care in smoking & cleansing the Clothes &c. of the Passengers & others, and Report to us the true state of the Vessel, and the people on board who have had the Small Pox, are now under it, or expect to have the Distemper, and in everything behave with the utmost care and caution, and when we hear from you we shall give you further Orders.

John Scollay
Timothy Newell
Thomas Marshall
John Pitts
Selectmen of Boston

P.S. You must have the advice of the Doctor as to removing the sick.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen April 27. 1773. Present, Messr. Scollay, Newell, Marshall, Austin.

Mr. Samuel Hartley Keeper of the Hospital at Rainsfords Island attended & Reports — That three Persons in Capt. Mc.Ewens Brigg. have the Small Pox, one of them near well; that that were removed to the Hospital on Yesterday, and that there were no others liable to take the Distemper — that there was 6. Hampers of Delph Ware between Decks beside Cables and Water Casks, that he had proceeded in smoking and cleansing the Vessel and has brought the Bedding and Clothing on Shore for airing and cleansing. That Capt. Hoseas Vessel was so well cleansed and smoked, as that she might be suffered to depart the Island without danger to the Inhabitants — whereupon the following Orders were given Mr. Hartley; and Petition to the Governor.

Boston April 27. 1773.

Mr. Samuel Hartley

You having Reported to us that you had [257.] Smoked and cleansed the Briggn. Aurora Capt. Hozea's Vessel so well as that she may be permitted to come up to Town without danger to the Inhabitants, you have our permit therefore, provided you are

satisfied for your charge and trouble. We expect you continue smoking and cleansing Capt. M^{c}.Ewens Vessel, and also the Bedding and Goods, you have received on shore — when any spare Clothes are smoked you must put them where they will be out of danger of Infection, that they may serve for the Passengers to come up in when you shall have our permit; We expect you continue your caution and endeavors to free the Vessel and every thing from Infection, and Report to us your proceedures, when you will have our further Directions.

By Order of the Selectmen
WILLIAM COOPER Town Clerk

May it please your Excellency

The Briggandine Aurora Capt. Hozea from Liverpool having been stopt at Rainsfords Island on account of the Small Pox; we have examined into the circumstances of said Vessel, and are of opinion she may be permitted to come up to Town with safety to the Inhabitants, if your Excellency thinks proper.

We are
Your Excellencys
Most obedient
Humble Servants
JOHN SCOLLAY
TIMOTHY NEWELL
THOM^{S}. MARSHALL
SAMUEL AUSTIN
Selectmen of Boston

Boston April 27. 1773.
His Excellency Thomas Hutchinson Esq.

Boston Ss At a Meeting of the Selectmen April 28, 1773. — Present, Mess^{r}. Scollay, Newell, Marshall, Pitts.

Ordered, that the Assize of Bread be set at Wheat at 6/6 p. Bushel & 6^{d}. p. Bushel be allowed to the Bakers for their charges Pains and Livelihood, which is computed as follows — Viz^{t}.

	lb.	oz.	dr.
[258.] A loaf of Brown Bread 3/4 Wheat 1/4 Rye meal must weigh - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - -	"	"	"
a 4^{d}. Ditto not above 1/2 Indian meal must weigh	"	"	"
Bisket of a Copper price - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - -	"	"	"

The Committee of Council apply'd for the use of Faneuil Hall to dine the Governor and Council on Election Day which was accordingly granted.

Boston April 28. 1773

M^{r}. Samuel Hartley

Our Orders to you are that you continue smoking Capt. M^{c}.Ewens Vessel every Day, and when you had taken the Spare Sails and Hampers and every thing liable to Infection that was between Decks on shore, where they are to be kept as well as the mens clothes and Bedding and what else may be in the Cabbin liable to retain infection — the Vessel may then be permitted to leave

the Island on Satturday those things mentioned before being left behind, but it will be best to come up with the Vessel on Satturday Night. You must observe that the People who come up in the Vessel have Clothes that have been well aired and cleansed — we depend upon your utmost care in every respect to prevent the Small Pox being communicated

By Order of the Selectmen
William Cooper Town Clerk

P.S. You may permit Capt. Dickey to take the Passengers & their Chests on board him.

The Selectmen agreed with James How, Baker & Daniel Saunders, meal man — both of Roxbury, for all the Lands & Buildings that Mr. Thomas Bracket & others hired on the South side of the Neck, at the same rate & conditions, for one year — and the Town Clerk is directed to draw the Leases accordingly — to commence the 25 of March last.

The Town Clerk is directed to draw upon the Town Treasurer to pay Jonathan Payson Esq. a late Collector his proportion of the Premium — for the year 1766. being £. 89. 16. 3. agreeable to a Vote of the Town. March 10. 1772 drawn for.

[259.] Capt. Waters attended, and desired the use of the Hall for his Company every Monday Evening, as Capt. Waters informs that Mr. Adjutant Daws & the Sergeants have done with it.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen April 29. 1773. Present, Mess. Scollay, Newell, Marshall, Austin, Pitts.

May it please your Excellency

The Briggandine Sea Nymph Capt. Mc·Ewen from Liverpool having been stopt at Rainsfords Island on Account of the Small Pox; we have examined into the circumstances of said Vessel, and are of opinion she has been so well cleansed as that she may be permitted to leave the Island with safety to the Inhabitants, Satturday next, if your Excellency thinks proper.

We are
Your Excellencys
Most obedient
Humble Servts.

John Scollay
Timothy Newell
Thomas Marshall
Samuel Austin
John Pitts
Selectmen of Boston

Boston April 29', 1773
His Excellency Thomas Hutchinson Esq.

The Selectmen having received a Precept for the calling a Meeting for the choice of Representatives, have Agreed to hold a Meeting of the Town on Wednesday the 15' Day of May next, and that the Town Clerk issue his Warrants accordingly.

Coll°. Marshall & M^r. Austin a Committee to desire the Rev^d. M^r. Mather to open the Town Meeting with Prayer.

Voted, that Joseph Greenleaff Esq. have the printing of the Notifications, for the Town Meeting.

[**260.**] Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen, April 30, 1773. Present, Mess^r. Scollay, Newell, Austin, Pitts.

The Selectmen having had application made them by the Bakers for an alteration of the Assize, from what it was fixt at two Days ago. It was agreed to &

Ordered, that the Assize of Bread be set at Wheat at 6/8 p. bushel and Six Pence p. Bushel be allowed to the Bakers for their Charges Pains and Livelihood, which is computed as follows — Viz^t.

	lb.	oz.	dr.
A 4^d. Loaf of Brown Bread 3/4 Wheat 1/4 Rye Meal must weigh	2–	4	
a 4^d. Ditto not above 1/2 Indian Meal must weigh - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - -	3–	"	
Bisket of a Copper price - - - - - - - - -		4	– 5

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen May 12th. 1773. Present, Mess^r. Scollay, Newell, Marshall, Austin, Pitts.

M^r. Ruggles directed to Shingle M^r. Procters School House in Queen Street.

Deacon Newell has lent p. order of the Selectmen to Capt. Thomas Cartwright of Boston, Sixty pounds lawful money, for which a deed of Mortgage has been taken as security, which together with a Bond is upon the File of Brookers Papers, the said money being part of said Bookers Donation.

this was the £. 60. which was p^d. by Onesiphorous Tilestons Heirs for said Tilestons Bond.

M^r. William Miller applys for liberty to place Posts before his House in Kilby Street, Liberty was granted, provided the ground & Pavement is made good to the satisfaction of the Selectmen — Coll°. Marshall appointed to direct in the placing &^c.

The Selectmen have Agreed with M^r. William Miller to remove the Timber on the Neck which encumbers the same under the direction of Coll°. Marshall.

Capt. Ballard of Engine N°. 1. presents John Richards, as an Engineman in the room of John Brown who declines serving.

[**261.**] Boston, May 12, 1773.

M^r. Daniel Davis

Sir, Not having heard from you since the Letters sent you of February 1773, we apprehend it may have miscarried, as Joseph Otis Esq. to whom we have mentioned the affair gives you the character of a Man of Honor. We have therefore sent you a Copy of said Letter as above, and if you think differently let us know it as we would choose to hear from you before Your Town is apply'd to, for your Sons Expence.

By Order of the Selectmen,

WILLIAM COOPER, Town Clerk.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen May 13th. 1773. Present, Messs. Scollay, Newell, Marshall, Austin, Pitts.

Boston Ss: At a meeting of the Selectmen May 19,th. 1773. Present, Messs. Scollay, Newell, Marshall, Austin.

John Studson applys for Liberty to Open a Drain in Greens Lane Liberty is granted provided he lays down the Pavement again to the aprobation of the Selectmen.

Yesterday John Rowe Esq. waited on the Selectmen & Informed them that a Sloop belonging to him Late Commanded by Capt. Whitmarsh had Stop'd at Rainsfords Island having had the Small Pox on her Passage from Liverpool that the Captain died on the passage & that four other Persons have had the distemper — but are recovered. Mr. Hartly being in Town the Selectmen gave him orders to take everything from under Deck Smoak & Cleanse the Vessell well & then report to the Selectmen that he Suffer no Person to Come from the Island nor no Person to go on it without the Selectmens permission that he brings up what Letters are on board the Vessell after having Sufficiently Smoak'd them.

May 13th.

[262.] Whereas it appears to the Selectmen that there is no provision made in the Law for the restriction they layd the Auctioners under in March last at the Instance of the Trade of the Town & as it is probable the General Court at their approaching Session will take up the Matter they have therefore Voted that the Restriction be taken off.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen May 15, 1773. Present.

Mr. Samuel Hartley by his Wife attended and Reports that Daniel Davis & Benjamin Toby who have been confined at the Hospital on Account of the Small Pox are perfectly recovered & may leave the Island with safety, and one Seth Storer belonging to Saco

Boston, May 15, 1773.

Mr. Samuel Hartley

Mrs. Hartley having Reported to the Selectmen that Daniel Davis & Benjamin Toby who came in Capt. Mc. Ewen have been confined at your Island by the Small Pox are perfectly recovered from that Distemper & that they may without any danger be permitted to leave the Island, it is therefore the order of the Selectmen that you permit them to leave the Island being first sufficiently cleansed & a fresh shift of Clothes put on them, provided you are satisfied as to the charge you have been at, their Clothes Bedding &c. must remain on the Island.

By Order of the Selectmen

William Cooper Town Clerk.

P.S. Seth Storer belonging to Saco may go home on the same condition

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen May 28, 1773. Present, Messrs.

Boston, May 28, 1773.

M^r. Samuel Hartley

You having Reported to the Selectmen that you have sufficiently smoked & cleansed the Sloop St. John [**263.**] Capt. Whitmarsh late Master and have taken everything out of her liable to retain Infection, it is our Orders that you suffer her to leave the Island & the People who come in her, provided you are satisfied as to their Expence, but not to take their Bedding & Clothes for the present, see that they have a fresh shift of Clothes.

A Petition of the usual tenor was sent the Governor.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen May 29, 1773. Present, Mes^s. Scollay, Hancock, Newell, Marshall, Pitts.

Information given of Capt. Hood in the Ship Lydia from London, which place she left 6 Weeks ago & that about six Weeks past a Person died of the Small Pox — She is stopt at Rainsfords Island & Orders were given Hartley as is usual on such occasions.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen May 31, 1773. Present, Mess. Scollay.

M^r. Hartley Reported that Capt. Hoods Vessel has been so well smoked and cleansed, that she might be permitted to come up with safety — A Letter was accordingly given M^r. Hartley with the necessary directions.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen. June 2^d., 1773. *A.M.* Present, Mess. Scollay, Newell, Marshall, Pitts.

M^r. Samuel Hartley

You having Reported to us that you had agreable to our orders smoked and cleansed the Ship Lydia & taken out every thing from between Decks on shore, and done every other thing necessary, so that she may be permitted to come up to Town without endangering the Inhabitants. It is our Orders that you permit her to leave the Island, but you must retain the two men that have not had the Distemper, till Saturday Night.

By Order of the Selectmen.

WILLIAM COOPER Town Clerk.

A Certificate of the usual tenor was given Hartley for the Governor to permit the Ship to come up.

[**264.**] Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen June 2^d. 1773. P.M. Present, Mess.

Ordered, that the Assize of Bread be set at wheat at 6/6 p. Bushel and 6^d p. Bushel be allowed to the Bakers for their Charges Pains & Livelihood, which is computed as follows Viz^t.

	lb.	oz.	dr.
A 4^d. Loaf of Brown Bread 3/4 Wheat & 1/4 Rye Meal must weigh	2–	4–	
A 4^d. Ditto not above 1/2 Indian must weigh	3–	0–	
Bisket of a Copper price		4–	6–

Voted, that the Town Clerk have a draft for £. 20. Pounds.

John Stutson applys to the Selectmen for liberty to open a Drain before his House in Greens Lane. Liberty was accordingly granted provided the Ground is made good & the Pavement restored to the satisfaction of the Selectmen.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen June 9. 1773 — Present, Messrs. Newell, Marshall, Austin, Pitts.

M^{r}. Shubael Hewes Master of Engine N°. 5. — having presented Daniel Ingersol Junr. as an Engine man for their Company he was accordingly accepted.

The Selectmen recommend John Loring to the Sessions as a Measurer of Salt & Coal in the room of James Eyres deceased.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen, June 16, 1773. Present, Mess^{r}. Scollay, Newell, Marshall.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen June 23^{d}. 1773. — Present, Mess^{s}. Scollay, Marshall, Austin, Wendell, Pitts.

Upon complaint made by Capt. Dalton & m^{r}. Bass that the Chimnie of a House in Jolliffs Lane occupied by John Tucker were insufficient & dangerous — A Warrant was issued impowering Maj^{r}. Daws & Jacob Horner to examine the same & make return.

[265.] Passed upon John Hutchinsons Province Account amounting as by Account on file to £. 2. 8.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen, June 25, 1773 — Present, Mess^{s}. Scollay, Marshall, Austin, Wendell, Pitts.

Application was this Day made to the Selectmen by John Barret Esq. M^{r}. Samuel Sloan & James Bailey complaining that Capt. Hall has built on an encroachment that he has made on Link Alley whereby great destruction is made by the narrowness of the way for Carriages &^{c}. and desire that the Selectmen would take some legal method that the Lane may be as wide as it has heretofore been.

M^{r}. Wibirt complained that he had bought a Servants time of Capt. Hemory who appears to be a cripple & therefore desired that the Captain may be called upon for the security usually required of those who bring in disabled Persons — whereupon Capt. Whitworth was sent for who confirmed the Account of her being a Cripple — Capt. Hemery attended, and then engaged to take the Girl again & carry her with him to Newfoundland.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen, June 27, 1773. Present, Mess^{s}. Scollay, Hancock, Newell, Pitts.

M^{r}. Thomas Amory Owner of the Sloop Molly attended & Reports, That he has a number of Dutch People two of whom Yesterday were observed to have the Small Pox out upon them whereupon the following Letters were wrote.

Boston, June 27, 1773.

Mr. Samuel Hartley

The Sloop Molly Capt. Rogers from Philadelphia being ordered to Rainsfords Island on account of the Small Pox. Our Orders are that you take on shore all the Passengers Bedding & Clothing, and then smoke the Vessel, and when you have done it faithfully Report to us the same when you will have our further directions. You must keep those who are to have the Small Pox separate from each other. [**266.**] As some may not have taken the Distemper

By Order of the Selectmen
WILLIAM COOPER Town Clerk.

Boston June 27, 1773

Capt. Rogers

You being ordered to the Island on Account of the Small Pox we have given Mr. Hartley directions to receive all the Passengers on shore together with the Bedding Clothing &c. when he is to smoke the Vessel and then to Report to us his proceedings after which he will receive our orders from coming up.

By Order of the Selectmen
WILLIAM COOPER Town Clerk.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen, June 28' 1773 — Present

The Petition of the following tenor was sent the Governor.

May it please your Excellency

The Briggandine Molly Captain Rogers from Philadelphia having been ordered to Rainsfords Island on account of the Small Pox; we have examined into the Circumstances of said Vessel and are of Opinion she may be permitted to leave the Island with safety to the Inhabitants if your Excellency thinks proper.

We are
Your Excellencys
Most obedient
Humble Servants
JOHN SCOLLAY
JOHN HANCOCK
TIMOTHY NEWELL
THOMAS MARSHALL
Selectmen of Boston.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen, June 30, 1773. Present, Mess. Scollay, Austin, Hancock, Newell, Wendell, Marshall, Pitts.

[**267.**] Capt. Franklyne of Engine No. 9. proposed Samuel Townsend as an Engine man in the room of Benjamin Burdit, who was accordingly accepted.

Deacon Newell received of John Grant & Son four pounds as Interest on Bookers Bond.

Voted, that there be a Visitation of the Free Schools in this

Town on Wednesday the 7t. of July next and that the following Gentlemen be invited to accompany the Selectmen therein, and that they be notified to attend at the Selectmens Chamber at 8. o Clock in the Morning of said Day in order to proceed on the Visitation.

The Honble. John Erving Esq.
James Bowdoin Esq.
James Pitts
Du. Winthrop
The Representatives of the Town
The Overseers of the Poor.
The Town Treasurer.
The Revd. Charles Chauncey DD.
Mather Byles DD.
Andrew Eliot DD.
Samuel Cooper DD.
Ebenezer Pemberton DD.
Samuel Mather
John Hurst
John Bacon
Mr. Lothrop
Mr. Howard
Mr. How
Mr. Gorden
William Paine
John Leach
Benjc. Goodwin
John Boynton
Samuel Eliot
John Scollay
Thomas Brattle
John Miffling
Nathl. Appleton
Inches Mason
Collo. Jackson
Mr. Hill
Ezekiel Goldthwait Esq.
Capt. Fortesque Vernon
Capt. Soloman Davis
Benjamin Kent
Joseph Scott Esq.
Capt. John Bradford
John Adams Esq.
Moses Gill
Dr. Noyes
Jonathan Amory
Dr. Benjc. Church
Capt. Mackay
Dr. Bulfinch
Dr. Greenleaff
Mr. Josiah Quincy
John Phillips
Mr. Henry Bromfield
Dr. Warren
Major Daws
Michael Horner
Henry Laughton
Collo. Erving
Capt. Fenton
William Dennie
William Molleneaux

Ordered that the Assize of Bread be set at Wheat at 6/ p. bushel & 6d./ p. Bushell be allowed to the Bakers for their Charges Pains & Livelihood which is computed as follows — Vizt. —

	lb.	oz.	dr.
A 4d. Loaf of Brown Bread 3/4 Wheat 1/4 Rye meal must weigh	2–	4–	
a 4d. Ditto not above 1/2 Indian Meal must weigh	3–		
Bisket of a Copper price- - - - - - - - - - - - - - - -		4–	12

[268.] Capt. Samuel Sloan of Engine No. 10. apply'd to the Selectmen for the Premiums allowed by the Town for bringing their Engine to work first at the Fires which broke out at Sumners in Cold Lane & at Edwards Shop.

Voted, that he have a draft for 26/ 8. in this Months draft.

Ordered that Hutchinson & Bryant have a draft for £10. on account of paving. drawn for £. 10.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen, July 5, 1773. Present, Newhall, Scollay, Marshall, Austin, Wendell, Pitts.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen July 7, 1773. Present, Mess^{s}. Scollay, Hancock, Newell, Marshall, Austin, Wendell, Pitts.

Visitation of the Schools in this Town maintained by the Publick, which were found to be in good order.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen July 9, 1773. Present, Mess. Scollay, Hancock, Newell, Marshall, Austin, Wendell, Pitts.

Isaac Winslow applys to the Selectmen for liberty to lay a Drain from his Distill house in Cold Lane to the Mill Pond for his particular service — Liberty was accordingly granted, provided the Ground is made good & the Pavement restored to the satisfaction of the Selectmen.

The Selectmen take into consideration the late Act of the General Assembly impowering the Selectmen to make an addition of one or more Vendue masters not exceeding Six.

and the further consideration is referred to Wednesday next.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen July 15,th. 1773. Present, Messrs. Scollay, Newhall, Marshall, Austin, Wendell, & Pitts.

Coll^{o}. Marshall, Wendell & Pitts appointed a Comittee to view M^{r}. Tuckers Chimney in Jolliffs Lane.

[**269.**] Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen, July 21, 1773. Present, Mess^{s}. Scollay, Newell, Wendell, Pitts.

The Committee appointed to Survey M^{r}. John Tuckers Chimnies Reported, that having carefully examined said Chimnies, it is their Judgment concerning them; that they are insufficient and dangerous.

The Copy of said Warrant for ye Survey, is as follows Viz^{t}.

Boston June [? *July*?] 23^{d}. 1773.

To Thomas Daws Esq. and M^{r}. Jacob Horner —

Complaint having been made to us that the Chimnies of a House in Jolliffs Lane occupied by John Tucker are insufficient and dangerous — We desire & impower you to survey the Same & Report to us your Judgment concerning them —

JOHN SCOLLAY
THOM^{S}. MARSHALL.
SAMUEL AUSTIN
OLIVER WENDELL
JOHN PITTS
Selectmen of Boston

Boston July 25, 1773.

Mr John Tucker

Upon Complaint made by a number of the Inhabitants of the Town of defects in the Chimnies of the House owned and occupied by your self; we issued our Warrant for a Survey; a Copy of the return made on said Warrant you have above Agreeable to

the direction of the Law in that case made and provided we hereby warn you not to make any Fire or to suffer any to be made in said Chimnies till the defects are cured either by a — mending repairing or rebuilding said Chimnies as you would avoid the penalty of said Law.

By Order of the Selectmen
William Cooper Town Clerk

The great and General Court having at their last Session impowered the Selectmen to make an addition to the present [270.] Vendee Masters, provided they do not exceed the number of Ten in all. Moses Deshon Esq. Capt. John Bradford Esq. mr. Robert Gould, mr. William Hunt, mr. William Fallass & mr. Martin Bicker were chosen.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen, July 23d. 1773. Present, Mess. Scollay, Newell, Austin, Wendell, Pitts.

Mr. Hartley attended and informs that the Schooner Volant Capt. Nathan Leach from Dominica, arrived at Rainsfords Island the 22d. Instant with the Small Pox on board, the Captains Pock has been turned two or three Days, the Mate & one of the hands have had it before. there is four of the hands still to have the Distemper. Cargo consists of Molasses, and Cotton Wool.

The following directions were given Mr. Samuel Hartley

Boston July 23d. 1773.

Mr. Samuel Hartley

The Schooner Volant Capt. Nathan Leach being stopt at your Island on account of the Small Pox which broke out after they left Dominica. Our directions are that you take the four hands on board liable to have it into the Well house on the Island and you are to receive the sick into the Hospital when its proper for them to be put on shore. The Cotton must be all taken on shore for cleansing and airing, and the Vessell must be smoked as soon as the sick are out of her, let no Persons come on board or leave the Schooner without our liberty — Report to us your proceedings & you will then have our further Orders.

By Order of the Selectmen
William Cooper Town Clerk

P.S. All the People on the Island who have been cleared of the Small Pox. may be permitted to leave the Island, provided they have a fresh shift of Clothes & proceed to the Eastward — the two Dutch Men may come up first — to-morrow if they chuse it.

July 21st. The Persons, chosen as Vendue Masters had Licences delivered to them of the following tenor, excepting Capt. Bradford who declines excepting the office. Vizt.

Boston July 27. 1773

Moses Deshon Esq.

Agreable to the power & authority vested [271.] In us the Subscribers by two Acts of the Great & General Court passed at their late Sessions for the regulating the Sale of Goods, at publick

Vendue. We have appointed you one of the Auchtioners for the Town of Boston and do hereby grant you full Licence to sell at publick Vendue Auction or Out-cry in said Town any Goods Wares & Merchandize whatsoever under the restrictions & limitations of said Acts for the term of one year and no longer, said term to commence from the thirty-first of March last not doubting but that you will in every respect conduct in this Business agreable to Law, and as the duty of your Office shall require.

Selectmen of Boston

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen, July 28, 1773. Present Mess. Scollay, Newell, Austin, Pitts.

Ordered, that the Assize of Bread be set at Wheat @ 6/ p. — & that 6d. p. bushel, be allowed to the Bakers for their Charges Pains & Livelihood which is computed as follows. Vizt.

	lb.	oz.	dr.
A 4d. Loaf of Brown Bread 3/4 Wheat 1/4 Rye Meal must weigh - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - -	2	4	
A 4d. ditto not above 1/2 Indian Meal must weigh - -	3		
Bisket of a Copper price - - - - - - - - - - - -	4	12	

Mr. Collector Hollyday having produced the several Treasurer's Receipts for the Tax of 1771 — the Town Clerk was directed to deliver him up his Bond for said year.

Passed upon Bowles & Luckis's Province Account amounting to £. 3. 6. 8. —as p. Copy on file.

[272.] Boston July 28, 1773.

Mr. Samuel Hartley

Sir — You having Reported to us that the Dutch People and their Children are now well cleansed from the Small Pox, and that their Bedding Clothing &c. are also well aired & smoked. Our directions are that you bring them upon the Morrow to the Hospital at New Boston under the care of mr. Darrington

By Order of the Selectmen

WILLIAM COOPER Town Clerk.

Voted, that Mr. Robert Pierpoint have a draft on the Town Treasurer for £. 40.

& Hutchinson & Bryant a draft for £. 10.

Boston Ss: At a meeting of the Selectmen July 30, 1773 — Present —

Mr. Hartley having Reported that the Schooner Volant. Capt. Nathaniel Leach from Dominica with the Small Pox had been so well smoked & cleansed as that she might come up to Town with safety to the Inhabitants — the following Letter was sent Mr. Hartley & a Certificate to the Govern

Boston July 29. 1773.

Mr. Samuel Hartley

You having Reported to us that the Schooner Volent Capt. Nathan Leach has been so well smoked & cleansed as that she may

be permitted to leave the Island with safety. Our Orders are that you permit her to come up with the Molasses, but with nothing else liable to retain infection such as Cotton Clothes Bed Bedding etc. you being first satisfied for your charge.

By Order of the Selectmen

William Cooper Town Clerk.

[273.] May it please your Excellency

The Schooner Volant Capt. Nathan Leach from Domenica stopt at Rainsfords Island on account of the Small Pox, we are of opinion has been so well smoked & cleansed as that he may be permitted to leave the Island with safety to the Inhabitants if your Excellency thinks proper. We are

Your Excellencys
Most Obedient
Humble Servants
Selectmen of Boston

Boston July 29. 1773.

His Excellency Thomas Hutchinson Esq.

Boston Ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen Augt. 4, 1773. Present Messrs. Scollay, Marshall, Wendell

Mr. John Lambert hired the Towns Wharff by the North Battery at Twelve pounds p. Annum to leave an open way to the Battery, and to put down two Posts at his own charge.

Mr. Curtis presented Benjamin Vesey, Nathaniel Bradley & Thomas Wheeler as suitable Persons for his Engine Company John Crosley, Joseph Ford Samuel Hodsden & John mc.Fadden having been discharged as Engine Men.

Boston Ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen Augt. 10, 1773. A.M. Present Messs. Scollay, Hancock, Newell, Austin, Marshall, Pitts, Wendell

Agreed to visit Deer Island Fryday next. Boat to set off from Wheelwrights Wharf. 8. OClock.

[274.] Boston Ss: At a meeting of the Selectmen Augt. 10 1773 P.M. Present Messs. Scollay, Hancock, Newell, Marshall, Austin, Pitts.

Passed upon the Petitions for Retailers of Spiritous Liquors, and Inholders in this Town as by List on file.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Augt. 11 1773. Present Mess. Scollay, Newell, Marshall, Austin, Pitts.

Mr. Thomas Crafts Senr. appointed a Sealer of Wood in the room of Mr. (or majr.) Goldthwait removed out of Town.

Mr. Curtis Master of Engine N —, proposed John Gridley as an Engine man for his Company, who was accordingly accepted by the Selectmen.

BOOK FIFTEEN.

[1.] Boston Ss: At a meeting of the Selectmen Augt. 16, 1773. Present Messrs. Scollay, Newell, Austin, Pitts.

M^{r}. Samuel Hartley Keeper of the Hospital at Rainsfords Island, having Reported that Capt. Nathan Leach who has had the Small Pox, is now so well cleansed as that he might be permitted to leave the Island with safety to the Inhabitants, together with his Mother who attended him & their Clothing Bedding &c. — the following Orders were delivered him.

Boston Aug. 16, 1773.

Mr. Samuel Hartley

You having Reported to us that Capt. Nathan Leach has been so well smoked & cleansed since his recovery from the Small Pox together with his Clothing Bedding &c. as that he may be permitted to leave the Island with safety to the Inhabitants — Our Orders are that you continue to air & cleanse him together with the Clothing &c. untill Thursday when you may permit him & also his Mother to go for Beverly where they belong. We depend upon your utmost care and caution with respect to your management that the Infection still at the Hospital may not be communicated — Capt. Leach will satisfy you for the Expence he has occasioned.

By Order of the Selectmen
William Cooper Town Clerk

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen, August 18. 1773. Present Messrs. Scollay, Hancock, Newell, Austin, Wendell, Pitts.

The following Commissioner was given M^{r}. Thomas Crafts appointed a Sealer of Wood for the North part of the Town — Viz^{t}.

[2.] Boston Ss.

To Thomas Crafts of Boston Gentleman
Greeting

Whereas in and by an Act of the Province of Massachusetts Bay, made & passed at the Session of the Great & General Court held by prorogation on the 29th Day of December 1758, Entitled an Act to prevent fraud in Cord Wood exposed to Salt, We the Subscribers Selectmen of the Town of Boston are directed and impowered to appoint some meet Persons to be measurers and Sealers of Wood, and such Fees or Allowance for their Service as we shall Judge reasonable.

Pursuant therefore to said Law we hereby Appoint you the said Thomas Crafts to be a measurer and Sealer of all Fire-Wood, or Wood designed for Fewell commonly called Cord-Wood, that shall be brought by Water for Sale and landed on Barretts Wharff

or any other Wharff or place to the Northward thereof; And you are in all things to conform to the direction of the Act aforesaid, and also an Act passed at a Session of the General Court in 1772 — whereto your office hath relation. And you are to render to us when requested an exact account of all Fines & Forfeitures that shall arise by virtue of said Acts. And we here by appoint the Fees or Allowance for measuring &c. One Penny half penny for each Cord, which you are to receive & no more.

By Order of the Selectmen

WILLIAM COOPER Town Clerk

Boston August 11, 1773.

[3.] Mr. Treasurer Jeffries was desired to advance £. 3–3–4 to Mr. Thomas Moore, as he is to have a draft next draft Day.

Capt. William Sutton of Engine No. 7. presented John Griffith & Benjamin Horton as Engine Men in the room of Jonathan Rogers & William Hearsey — and they were accordingly accepted.

A Certificate of this Date was given the Town Treasurer, by the Selectmen, acknowledging he had paid to several Persons whose Accounts were included in Mr. Sam. Hartleys Province Account to the amount of £. 62–14–3d. & the Warrant Hartley received of the Province Treasurer £. 147. 4–7– in his favor being endorsed to Mr. Treasurer Jeffries the balance on said Warrant being £. 84. 10. 4. — is to be carried to the Credit of the Town Treasury by said Town Treasurer in the Town Books.

The Town Clerk is directed to write Judge Oliver & Coll°. Miller, that unless the money is paid or security is given for the Sums they are indebted on Bond to the Estate of the late Mrs. Brooker, which falls into the hands of the Selectmen as Trustees for poor Widows &c. — said Bonds will be put in suit at October Court.

Boston Ss: At a meeting of the Selectmen, Augt. 25, 1773. Present Messrs. Scollay, Newell, Marshall, Wendell.

Ordered that the Assize of Bread be set at Wheat @ 5/6 p. bushel & that 6d. p. Bushel be allowed to the Bakers for their Charges Pains and Livelihood which is computed as follows, Vizt.

	lb.	oz.	dr.
A 4d. Loaf of Brown Bread ¾ Wheat ¼ Rye Meal must weigh - - - - - - - -	2–	4–	
A 4d. ditto not above ½ Indian Meal must weigh -	–	3–	
Bisket of a Copper price - - - - - -	–	5–	2–

Boston Ss: At a meeting of the Selectmen Augt. 26, 1773. Present Mess. Scollay, Hancock, Newell, Marshall, Austin, Pitts, Wendell.

[4.] The Selectmen having considered of the request of a number of the Butchers for the Stalls lately occupied by Mr. Sherley deceased. Agreed that Mr. Joseph Smith should have said Stalls.

A dispute having arisen between William Hyslop Esq. & Mrs.

Agnis Procter & John Procter, relative to the Line or Bounds of their Land near Concert Hall —

Messrs. Thomas Crafts, John Joy, Samuel Dyer, John Kneeland & Samuel Ruggles were appointed to settle and Adjust the Line between them & a Warrant was issued of the following tenor and form —

Boston August 26, 1773.

To Messrs. Thomas Crafts, John Kneeland, John Joy, Samuel Dyer, & Samuel Ruggles — Greeting

Whereas a difference has arisen between William Hyslop Esq. & M^{rs}. Agnis Procter & M^{r}. Procter relative to the Line or Bounds of their Land near the Orange Tree or Concert Hall.

Pursuant therefore to a Law of the Province we have appointed and do hereby impower you the said Crafts, Kneeland, Joy, Dyer, & Ruggles to go upon the Premises, view the same, hear the Partys contending and Adjust settle & lay out the Line between them as to you shall then appear to be Just and equitable.

JOHN SCOLLAY
TIMOTHY NEWEL
THOMAS MARSHALL
SAMUEL AUSTIN
JOHN PITTS
Selectmen of Boston

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Augt. 27, 1773 Present, Messrs. Scollay, Newell, Marshall, Austin, Pitts.

M^{r}. Jacob Bates a famous Horsman, attended & craves leave of the Selectmen to erect a Fence in the Common which will inclose about 160 feet of Ground in order to show his feats in Horsmanship — his request was not granted.

[5.] Voted, that the Town Clerk have a draft for Twenty pounds lawful Money — drawn for in last Draft.

Upon complaint of the Bakers August 26′ that the price of Flour was higher then it had been set in the last Assize, the Selectmen made enquiry as to the price of Flour & the quantity of Wheat at market, and finding the Bakers, had cause of complaint.

Ordered, that the assize of Bread be altered, and that the same be now set at Wheat at 6/ p. bushel & that 6^{d}. p. Bushel be allowed to the Bakers for their Charges Pains & Livelihood, which is computed as follows — Viz^{t}.

	lb.	oz.	dr.
A 4^{d}. Loaf of Brown Bread $\frac{3}{4}$ Wheat $\frac{1}{4}$ Rye Meal must weigh - - - - - - - -	2–	4–	
a 4^{d}. ditto not above $\frac{1}{2}$ Indian meal must weigh -	–	3–	
Bisket of a Copper price - - - - - -	–	4–	12

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen, Augt. 28, 1773 Present, Mess. Scollay, Newell, Marshall, Austin.

M^{r}. Hartley Keeper of the Hospital at Rainsfords Island attended and Reports That Yesterday the Schooner Eagle George Bruce, master, belonging to Coll^{o}. Lee of Marblehead, came to

the Island from a Fishing Voyage, having the Small Pox on board, which Distemper they received before they left Marblehead — they have 9 hands on board, all sick of the disorder; one they buried before they arrived — the following Orders were given the Keeper of the Hospital — Viz^{t}. —

Boston August 28, 1773

M^{r}. Samuel Hartley

The Schooner Eagle George Bruce Master owned by Coll^{o}. Lee of Marblehead being now at your Island with the Small Pox —

Our Orders are that you take all the People on shore and use your utmost endeavors to prevent a communication of the Distemper; you must therefore suffer no People to go on board the Schooner, and good care must be taken of any who are not fit to be removed on shore — Report the state of things as soon as you can.

By Order of the Selectmen
William Cooper Town Clerk

[6.] Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen, Septem^{r}. 1. 1773. Present, Mess^{r}. Scollay, Newell, Marshall, Austin, Pitts.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen, Septem^{r}. 6, 1773. Present, Messrs. Scollay, Newell, Marshall, Austin.

M^{r}. Hartley Keeper of Rainsfords Island Hospital having Reported to us that the Schooner Eagle George Bruce master has been so well smoked as that she may leave the Island with safety, the following Orders were sent the Keeper of said Hospital, vizt.

Boston Septem^{r}. 5. 1773.

M^{r}. Samuel Hartley

You having Reported to us that the Schooner Eagle George Bruce master sent to your Island on Account of the Small Pox, has been so well smoked and cleansed as that she may leave the Island with safety to the Inhabitants — Our Orders are that you permit Capt. John Lee of Marblehead to take said Vessel from the Island you being first satisfied for the Expence you have been put to in cleansing &^{c}. and if any of the People who are recovered from the Distemper are in your Opinion so well aired and cleansed as that they may come off without danger of carrying any Infection you may permit them provided they have a fresh suit of Clothes, and you are satisfied for your Expence and trouble.

John Scollay
Thomas Marshall
Samuel Austin
John Pitts
Selectmen of Boston

A Letter was sent Coll^{o}. Lee covering a Copy of Orders given M^{r}. Hartley.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Septem^{r}. 8. 1773. Present, Messrs. Scollay, Newell, Marshall, Austin, Pitts, Hancock.

The Clark is directed to insert Samuel Johnson Jonathan Brown

and Joseph Bradfords name in the Warrant to settle the [7.] Line between Mr. Hyslop and the Procters Land, together with Thomas Crafts & Samuel Dyer, they or any three of them to settle the same and Report.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Septem^r. 14, 1773. Present, Mess^r. Scollay, Hancock, Marshall, Wendell.

Mr. James Barter appeared and gives information that a Fishing Schooner owned by Joshua Orne of Marblehead, from Canseau buried her Master John Dolliver of the Small Pox August 6'. and is now at Rainsfords Island on account of that Distemper, whereupon the following Orders were given the Keeper of the Hospital —

Boston Septem^r. 14', 1773.

Mr. Samuel Hartley,

The Schooner ——— John Dolliver late Master owned by Joshua Orne of Marblehead, stop^t. at your Island on account of Small Pox brought in her from Caseau. Our orders are that you examine into the Circumstances of said Vessel and Report the same as soon as you can when you will have our further Orders.

You must smoke & cleanse the Vessel as usual.

By Order of the Selectmen
WILLIAM COOPER Town Clerk.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Septem^r. 15', 1773. Present, Messrs. Scollay, Hancock, Marshall, Wendell.

The Clerk was directed to give Mr. Thomas Moore an Order for Two pounds eight shillings on Acco^t. of work done, to Mr. Treasurer Jeffries.

Voted, that Mr. Sumner have a Lease of two Stalls N. 4. & N. 8. @ p. £. ——— (mem^o. to inquire about Scales.)

Agreed with Joshua Davis for a Cellar the North West Corner of the Town House @ £. 5 p. Annum, June 22^d. 1773.

Agreed with Henry Llyd Esq. for a Cellar at the South Side of the Town House, for £. 6. 13. 4. p. Annum, Augt. 27', 1773. (see the 3^d. Page forward)

[8.] Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Sept. 21, 1773. Present, Mess^r. Scollay, Newell, Marshall, Austin.

The Clerk being absent & it being the time for drawing Six Petit Jurors for October Court the Selectmen proceeded to choose — the following Persons were drawn out of the Box — Cap. Jon^a. Davis Capt. Rich^d. Walker William Rogers John Ruggles Asa Stoddard Norton Brailsford

Mr. Ware one of the Watch at West Boston waited on the Selectmen requesting that the Watch House might be plaisterd to make it more comfortable —

Voted that Deacon Newell View the House & see what is Necessary to be done & have it fortwith Effected —

Application having been made to the Selectmen by Mr. [Vox?] for Sundry repairs at Deer Island & they having Sent down Mr. More & Mr. Tod to see what repairs are Necessary & they hav-

ing reported an Estimate amounting to about £. 17. 0. £ª. money they are therefore ordered to Compleat the Work as soon as may be the above Estimate is Exclusive of the Stuff that will be Necessary.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Sepr. 29, 1773. Present, Messrs. Scollay, Hancock, Marshall, Austin, Wendell, Pitts.

Ordered, that the Assize of Bread be set at Wheat @ 6/ p. bushel, and that 6d. p. Bushel be allowed to the Bakers for their Charges Pains and Livelihood, which is computed as follows — Vizt.

	lb.	oz.	dr.
A 4d Loaf of Brown Bread ¾ Wheat ¼ Rye meal must weigh - - - - - - - -	2 –	4	"
a 4d Ditto not above ½ Indian meal must weigh	3 –	"	"
Bisket of a Copper price - - - - - -		4	"

Mr. Paul Farmer Keeper of the Almshouse was directed to receive one James Thompson, a poor Sick Stranger, who is not an Inhabitant of any Town in this Province, neither has he where withall to support himself — Order signed by Mr. Scolloy, & Mr. Austin, two of the Selectmen.

[9.] Mr. Hancock & Mr. Wendell appointed to order Repairs to the Pound & the Gun House.

Mr. Beals of Long Island informs that he has taken into his House one Jonathan Fessenden his Wife & 2 Children.

Mr. Wendell desired to order Repairs to Master Lovels Wall.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Septemr. 17, 1773. Present, Messrs. Scollay, Hancock, Marshall, Austin.

Mr. Samuel Hartley Keeper of the Hospital on Rainsfords Island having Reported that the Schooner ——— John Dolliver late Master which has been stopt at Rainsfords Island on Account of the Small Pox has been once smoked, but that the Clothes have not been yet taken on shoar — the following Orders were given him — Vizt—

Boston, September 17, 1773.

Mr. Samuel Hartley

You are hereby directed thoroughly to smoke and cleanse the Schooner ——— John Dolliver late Master. Take all the Clothes and whatsoever else is liable to Infection on shore, smoke and air them well — If in your opinion the Schooner may with safety leave the Island on Monday the 20' Instant you have our permission to suffer her to depart, but be very careful that nothing goes in the Vessel that has not been effectually aired.

John Scollay
John Hancock
Thomas Marshall
Samuel Austin
Selectmen of Boston.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Select men, Octr. 4, 1773. Present, Messrs. Scollay, Austin, Pitts, Marshall.

M^r^. Samuel Hartley Reported that John Trask & Joseph Pope who had been in the Well House three Weeks discovered no [**10.**] Symptom of the Small Pox whereupon the following Orders were given him — Viz^t^.—

[*Foot-note on page 9 says — Gave the Constables of the Watch Orders as on file.*]

Boston, October 4, 1773.

M^r^. Samuel Hartley

You having Reported to us that two men who come in Capt. Dolliver's named John Trask & Joseph Pope who have been in the Well-house about three Weeks without discovering any Symptom of the Small Pox may be allowed to leave the Island with safety. Our directions are that you permit them to depart, being first satisfied for the charge they have occasioned

By Order of the Selectmen
WILLIAM COOPER Town Clerk

The following was delivered the above named Persons for the Select men of Marblehead — Viz^t^.

Boston October 4. 1773.

Gentlemen

The Bearers of this Mess: John Trask & Joseph Pope who came in Capt. Dollivers Schooner having been confined in the Well house at Rainsfords Island for three Weeks past during which time no one Symptom of the Small Pox has been discovered upon either of them. We have permitted said Persons to depart from the Island for Marblehead M^r^. Hartley as well as ourselves imagining they may do it with safety to the Inhabitants.

By Order of the Selectmen,
WILLIAM COOPER Town Clerk.

Gave the 6 Constables of the Watch, Orders dated 1^t^ Ins^t^. as p. Copys on file.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen, October 6, 1773. Present, Messrs. Scollay, Hancock, Newell, Marshall, Austin, Wendell.

The Selectmen have appointed George Roulston a Grave Digger in the Chappel & Common Burying Grounds in the room of M^r^. Bond deceased.

M^r^. Paul Farmer was directed by two of the Selectmen Viz^t^. M^r^. Scollay & Deacon Newell, to receive into the Almshouse on the Province Account one John Macgraw a sick Stranger [**11.**] who has not wherewithall to support himself.

Passed upon M^r^. William Grays Province Account amount^g^ by Copy on file to £3–8–8.

M^r^. Hartley attended & informs the Selectmen that the Schooner Dolphin — Capt. Newell from Turks Island with Salt last from Newbury Port, has been ordered there on account of the Small Pox — whereupon the following Orders were given him.

Boston Octo^{r}. 6, 1773.

M^{r}. Samuel Hartley

You having Reported to us that the Schooner Dolphin, Capt. Newell from Turks Island last from Newbury Port has been sent to your Island on Account of the Small Pox which has been on board, Our orders are that you receive into the Well-house those Persons who have not had the Distemper but may have taken the Infection & then proceed in smoking the Vessel as in like Cases advising us of your Proceedure when you will have our further Orders.

By Order of the Selectmen,
William Cooper Town Clerk.

M^{r}. Josiah Flag having made application to the Selectmen for leave to make use of Faneuil Hall one Evening, for a Concert of Vocal & Instrumental Musick Liberty was granted him accordingly.

M^{r}. Treasurer Jeffries was directed to pay Messrs. Hutchinson & Comp^{y}. Twenty pounds in part for paving Work for which he is to have a draft.

Complaint having been made that the Street near the Store of Scott & Gill is greatly incumbered by their Grind Stones, a Billet was sent them desiring that those Grind Stones may be immediately removed.

[12.] Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen, Octo^{r}. 1773. Present, Messrs. Scollay, Hancock, Newell, Marshall, Austin, Wendell, Pitts.

The Selectmen having received a Warrant from the Honble. Judge of Probate for the County of Suffolk to examine into the Condition & Circumstances of M^{rs}. Sarah Taylor Represented to be a Non Compos — When [*sic*] to the Lodgings of said Tayler & to other places but she was not to be found.

Boston Ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen, Octo^{r}. 8. 1773. Present, Messrs. ———

M^{r}. Hartley attended and Reports that Capt. Nowell of the Schooner Dolphin from Newbury, has been so well smoked & cleansed as that he may leave the Island with safety — the following was delivered m^{r}. Hartley.

Boston October 8, 1773.

M^{r}. Samuel Hartley

As Capt. Newell the master of the Schooner now at Rainsford's Island has had the Small Pox some time past, you may permit him to leave the Island first cleansing and smoking himself, and clothing himself with a fresh shift of Apparel —

John Scollay
Timothy Newell
Thom^{s}. Marshall
James Pitts
Selectmen of Boston.

P. S. You may permit Joseph Grimes & Thom^{s}. Millet who are got well of the Small Pox to leave the Island, let them be well cleansed & take with them no other Clothes than they have on them & let them be well aird — Let Prince ——— of Marble head leave the Island taking good care that he is well cleansed.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen, Octo^{r}. 11, 1773. Present Mess. Scollay, Newell, Austin, Pitts.

M^{rs}. Hartley attended & Reported, That Capt. Nowells Schooner has been so well smoked & cleansed as that she may leave the Island with safety to the Inhabitants — whereupon the following was delivered M^{rs}. Hartley for her husband — Viz^{t}. —

[13.] Boston October 11. 1773.

M^{r}. Samuel Hartley

You having Reported to us that the Schooner Dolphin Capt. Nowell has been so well smoked & cleansed as that she may leave the Island with safety — Our Orders are that you permit said Vessel to leave the Island on Wednesday next provided that nothing remains in her liable to retain Infection which has not been sufficiently aired &^{c}. and that you are first satisfied for the charge & trouble you have been put to.

By order of the Selectmen
WILLIAM COOPER Town Clerk

The following was also delivered for the Governor

May it please your Excellency

The Schooner Dolphin Capt. Nowell stopt at Rainsfords Island on account of the Small Pox has been so well smoked and cleansed as that in our Opinion she may be permitted to leave the Island, with safety to the Inhabitants if your Excellency thinks proper.

We are
your Excellencys Most obedient Humble Serv^{ts}.
JOHN SCOLLAY
TIMOTHY NEWELL
SAMUEL AUSTIN
JOHN PITTS
Selectmen of Boston

Boston October 11, 1773.
His Excellency Thomas Hutchinson Esq.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen, Octo^{r}. 13, 1773. Present, Messrs. Scollay, Austin, Wendell, Pitts.

Received of John Winslow Esq. one of the Executors to M^{rs}. Brookers Will, a Bond of Samuel Stearns, Timothy Boutell & Rufus Houghton. for the payment of £. 80 — with Interest, dated 20^{t}. of Septem^{r}. 1773 — for which the Selectmen gave him a Receit.

[14.] Ordered that the Assize of Bread be set at Wheat at 6/8 p. Bushel and that 6^{d}. p. Bushel be allowed to the Bakers for their Charges Pains & Livelihood, which is computed —

lb. oz. dr.

A 4d. Loaf of Brown Bread ¾ Wheat ¼ Rye meal must weigh - - - - - - - - - - - - - - -
a 4d. Ditto not above ½ Indian Meal must weigh
Bisket of a Copper price. - - - - - . - - - -

Passed upon Samuel Hartleys Province Account amounting to £. 62 – 11/ –

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen, Octor. 14. 1773. Present Messrs. Scollay, Hancock, Newell, Wendell, Pitts.

Mr. Hartley attended & Reported to us that the Schooner Second Attempt Capt. Philip Mohise owned at Marblehead is arrived at Rainsfords Island on account of the Small Pox on board whereupon the following was delivered Mr. Hartley.

Boston October 14. 1773.

Mr. Samuel Hartley

You having Reported to us that the Schooner Second Attempt Capt. Philip Mohise owned at Marblehead is arrived at Rainsfords Island on account of the Small Pox which has broke out on board. Our Orders are that you take out the sick People into the Hospital & those who are liable to the Distemper into the Well-house & then proceed in smoking & cleansing the Vessell & Clothing with anything else liable to retain Infection & Report to us again when you will have our further Orders —

By Order of the Select men
William Cooper Town Clerk

Collo. Hancock, Mr. Scollay & Newell a Committee to direct as to the Fishermans Stalls, which may be thought proper to be allowed on the Market Square.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Octor. 15. 1773. A. M. Present, Messrs. Scollay, Newell, Austin, Pitts.

[15.] Mr. Hartley attended & Reports, that the Schooner Second Attempt Philip Mohise Master has been so well smoked and cleansed as in his Opinion she may leave the Island with safety to the Inhabitants — the following Orders were given —

Boston October 15. 1773.

Mr. Samuel Hartley

You having Reported to us that the Schooner Second Attempt Philip Mohise master has been so well smoked & cleansed as in your Opinion she may leave the Island with safety to the Inhabitants. Our Orders are that you permit said Vessel to leave the Island tomorrow being first satisfied as to the charge you have been at & not suffering anything liable to retain Infection to remain in her.

By Order of the Selectmen
William Cooper Town Clerk

P. S. You must continue smoking & cleansing the Vessel till she sails.

Boston October 15. 1773

M^r^. ——— Procter

A Son of yours named Charles Procter being now in the Alms house in this Town on account of his being distracted, we give you this notice that you may take immediate measures to remove him from thence & to defrey the Town for the charge he may occasion

By Order of the Selectmen
WILLIAM COOPER Town Clerk

Boston October 15. 1773

Gentlemen

You have inclosed a Letter to the Father of M^r^. Charles Procter an Inhabitant of your Town, who is so disordered in his Senses, as to be confined and taken care of in our Almshouse- If the Father should not immediately remove his Son we desire that we would take measures therefor, as after this notice your Town will be answerable for the charge that has & may arise for his keeping &c.

By Order of the Selectmen,
WILLIAM COOPER Town Clerk

[16.] The Selectmen having Received a Warrant from the Honble. Judge of Probates for the County of Suffolk, to examine into the Condition & Circumstances of Sarah Tayler Represented by her Friends as a Person Non Compos — this Day made the following Return on said Warrant — Viz^t^ —

Boston October 15, 1773.

We the Subscribers in pursuance of the within Warrant have seen M^rs^. Sarah Tayler & carefully examined into the condition & circumstances of said Person and would now Report. That in our Opinion she is so frequently in a state of Distraction as renders her unfit to take care of her Person & Affairs —

JOHN SCOLLAY
TIMOTHY NEWELL
SAMUEL AUSTIN
JOHN PITTS
Selectmen of Boston

To the Honble. Foster Hutchinson Esq.
Judge of Probate &^c^.

Boston October 15, 1773.

Gentlemen

These are to acquaint you that one Joseph Clark of your Town who is in a very declining state & unable to proceed home, has been sent to our Almshouse & if he should continue any time the charge must by Law be defreyed by the Town where he has an Inhabitancy, unless he or his Friends will take care to defrey the charge of his keeping &^c^. We are told he has a Mother & a Brother in Cape Ann whose Circumstances we are not acquainted with. Perhaps upon your informing them of his dan-

gerous situation, they may take some other way to provide for him

By Order of the Select men
William Cooper Town Clerk

Mem°. the Person not being fit to be removed — this Letter was not sent.

Boston Ss: at a Meeting of the Selectmen, Octr 15, 1773. P. M. Present, Mess^r. Scollay, Austin.

D^r. Whitworth was directed by M^r. Scollay to take care of one Joseph Clark of Cape Ann, who is sick, at [17.] The House of the Widow Robinson & unfit to be removed & the following Letter was sent to Cape Ann.

Boston Octo^r. 15, 1773.

Gentlemen

This is to acquaint you that one Joseph Clark of your Town is dangerously ill at a House in their Town being so low as to make it unsafe to remove him to the Almshouse we have directed a Doctor to attend him & have engaged the Widow Woman whose House he is at to take proper care of him assuring him she shall be paid for his Nursing Board &^c. We are told he has a Mother &^c. a Brother at Cape Ann if their circumstances are good suppose they will defrey this charge but if not we shall expect a Reimbursement from your Town

By Order of the Selectmen
William Cooper Town Clerk.

To,
The Gentlemen the Selectmen of Cape Ann.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen, Octo^r. 16, 1773. Present, mess^rs. Scollay, Marshall, Austin, Pitts.

Joseph Coffin Pilot of Capt. Nowells Schooner from Newbury who left the vessel without leave from the Selectmen, while she lay at Rainsfords Island — appeared, and delivered Letters from the Selectmen of Newbury & Tristam Dalton Esqrs. & from what was wrote & an enquiry into the Circumstances of the Vessel when he left it, — apprehending the Pilot to be an honest Man, as well as poor & that there will be no danger in his return to Newbury, the Selectmen concluded not to send him to Rainsfords Island, but to let him go back to Newbury, after he was well reprimanded & admonished for his Offence against the Laws, & the following Letter was delivered him for the Selectmen of Newbury, Viz^t.

[18.] Boston October 16. 1773.

Gentlemen

We have received yours p. Joseph Coffin & have inquired of Capt. Nowell the situation of his Vessel when the Pilot came on board and from his account of the matter we are of Opinion, there can be no danger to the Inhabitants from the Pilots leaving the Vessel; he has indeed been guilty of breaking a Law, which guards the health & lives of the People; and was it not

in compassion to his Family, we should have directed, that he might be prosecuted for his great offence notwithstanding his pleas, that it was done thro' ignorance of the Law, — or at least have ordered him to Rainsfords Island again; but from the character given him, we have permitted him to return to Newbury Port, he having assured us, that in case he should perceive any Symptoms of the Small Pox, as he may possibly have received the Infection, he will immediately acquaint you there with that he may be removed to such a place as you may direct to prevent a communication of the Distemper.

By Order of the Selectmen
WILLIAM COOPER Town Clerk.

To
The Gentlemen the Selectmen of Newbury Port.

Boston Ss: At Meeting of the Selectmen, Octo^r. 20, 1773. Present, Mess. Scollay, Newell, Austin, Marshall.

M^r. Abraham Savage had his Bond for 1771, as a Collector, delivered up to him by the Order of the Select men.

The following Return was made on the Warrant issued for running the Line beteen William Hyslop Esq. & the Widow Procter &^c. which Warrant &^c is on file —

In pursuance of the within Warrant to us directed — We the Subscribers have upon the Premisses. Viewed the same heard the Partys as also Meletiah Bourn Esq. who appeared as Attorney to Capt. Charles Procter of Hallifax, to whom the House and Land now improved by the within named Agnis Procter descends at her decease. And having fully and maturely considered of the Matters in dispute [**19.**] Between them, Are of Opinion that the Line between the Lands of the said William Hyslop Esq. & of Messrs. Procters is & ought to run upon a straight Line from the middle of the thickness of the Brick Wall of an Out Kitchen belonging to M^r. William Turner; to the lower Corner within two Inches of the Brick Wall of the House of Isaac Smith Esq., so that a Plank Fence may run flush with the face or outside of the Wall; Witness our Hands this 18' Day of September, A.D. 1773.

THOMAS CRAFTS
JOSEPH BRADFORD
JONATHAN BROWN
SAMUEL JOHNSON

M^r. Benj^e. [?] Gray a Collector of Taxes for 1773 appeared & proposed M^r. Richard Salter & M^r. Thomas Leaveret the Bondsmen for last year, for his Bondsmen for the present year as a Collector of Taxes who were accepted by the Selectmen.

M^r. Edward Hollyday appeared and proposed M^r. Martin Brimmer & John Winslow Esq. for his Bondsmen as a Collector the present year, who were accepted by the Selectmen.

M^r. Abraham Savage appeared & proposed M^r. Archibald M^c. Neil & M^r. Nicholas Bones as Bondsmen for the faithful discharg of his duty as a Collector of Taxes for 1773 who were accepted p. the Selectmen.

The Selectmen have agreed to meet at their Chamber with Mr. Pierpoint; Fryday next 4. o clock, P.M.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Select men, Octo^r. 22^d. 1773. Present, Messrs. Scollay, Newell, Marshall, Austin, Pitts.

Mr. Hartley having Reported respecting some People at the Hospital, that they might leave it with safety, the following was delivered Mr. Hartley.

Boston, Octo^r. 22^d, 1773.

Mr. Samuel Hartley

You having Reported to us that Samuel Seward, John Harrison & Phillip Trask who have passed thro' the Small Pox at Rainsfords Island, are now quite recovered from the Distemper & are so well smoked & cleansed as that they may leave the Island with safety to the Inhabitants — Our Orders are that you permit them to leave the Island they first securing you for the [20.] charge they have occassioned & providing for themselves fresh Suits of Clothes as their other things must remain for further airing &c.

By Order of the Selectmen

William Cooper, Town Clerk.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen, Octo^r. 27. 1773. Present, Messrs. Scollay, Hancock, Newell, Marshall, Austin, Wendell, Pitts.

Mr. Henderson a Collector of Taxes for the present year proposed Capt. Job Prince & Mr. Thomas Cairnes as Bondsmen for his duty for Collecting the Tax of 1773 — who were approved of by the Selectmen.

The Collectors had a Certificate for the Assessors that they had given Security to the Selectmen for the faithful discharge of their duty & had been sworn as the Law directs — their Bonds excepting Mr. Henderson's which is not yet executed having been received examined & approved by the Selectmen.

Ordered, that the Assize of Bread be set at Wheat @ 6/8 p. bushel and that 6^d. p. Bushel be allowed to the Bakers for their Charges Pains & Livelihood which is computed as follows — Viz^t.

	lb.	oz.	dr.
A 4^d. Loaf of Brown Bread ¾ Wheat ¼ Rye Meal must weigh - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - -	2	– 4	"
a 4^d. ditto not above ½ Indian Meal must weigh -	3	– "	"
Bisket of a Copper price - - - - - - - - - - -		4	– 5

Passed upon Bowles & Luckis's Province Account amounting to £. 6. as p. Copy on file.

Deacon Newell desired to procure 3 doz. Candlesticks made of Tin in a handsome manner, the Candlesticks now in use being borrowed of churches.

Mr. Scollay & Mr. Austin a Committee to view the end of Fleet Street leading to Scarlets Wharff.

Mr. Jacob Bucknam having apply'd for leave to set up Posts in Dock Square, in order to erect a Scales for weighing Provisions &c.

M^r^. Scollay, Newell, & Marshall a Comm^ee^. to act thereon as they shall think proper.

M^r^. Wendell & M^r^. Pitts a Comm^e^. to get a Passage for Philadelphia for one Ewins, now on b^d^. a man of War.

[21.] Boston March 27, 1773.

Gentlemen

Inclosed you have a Copy of the Account brought against this Town, for the Board Nursing burial &c. of M^r^. Joseph Clark, of Cape Ann, deceased amounting to £ 4–11–6, which charge we look upon as reasonable; and desire you will Order payment to be made our Treasurer M^r^. David Jeffries as soon as may be.

By Order of the Selectmen
WILLIAM COOPER Town Clerk

To the Gentlemen, Selectmen of Gloucester.

Boston October 27. 1773.

Thomas Seymore Esq.

Martha Howard who lived & died in the Alms house in this Town was possessed of 58 Acres of Land in the Town of Farmington, and this Town we suppose has the best right to her Estate as she lived at the Towns charge a long time, more over some Persons are desirous of purchasing the said Land and have offered to give the value of it & for that purpose have desired M^r^. Ozias Pettibone to procure a Quit-Claim Deed from the Selectmen, but as we are unacquainted with the value of the Land must desire the favor of you to make enquiry about it — the inclosed Record may serve you for that purpose, and your care and trouble shall be duly acknowledged.

By Order of the Selectmen
WILLIAM COOPER Town Clerk

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Novem^r^. 3, 1773. Present, Messrs. Scollay, Hancock, Marshall, Pitts, Wendell.

Maj^r^. Barber apply'd to the Selectmen for Flag Halliards & 3½ doz. Handspikes, and he was directed to procure them.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Novem^r^. 4, 1773. Present, Messrs. Scollay, Hancock, Newell, Marshall, Austin Pitts.

[22.] The Selectmen having received a Petition from a number of the Inhabitants praying that a Town Meeting may be called immediately for the purpose set forth in their Petition, whereupon,

Voted, that the Town Clerk issue his Warrant for a Town Meeting Fryday next 10 O'Clock.

Boston Ss: At a meeting of the Selectmen Novem^r^. 10 1773. Present, Messrs. Scollay, Hancock, Newell, Marshall, Pitts.

M^r^. John Procter, master of the Writing School in Queen Street, having in the Providence of God deceased the last Week, and application being made to the Selectmen by the Parents & Guardians of the Scholars belonging to that School, that m^r^.

James Carter who has long acted as Usher under the late Mr. Procter, might be appointed Master of said School — The Selectmen took this matter into consideration, and by their Vote have appointed said Carter Master of the School in Queen Street, till the Town should order otherwise.

Mr. Holbrook master of the Writing School in the Common & Mr. Carter the master Elect for the School in Queen Street having recommended Mr. Abiah Holbrook a Young Man near of Age as a suitable Person to be Usher at Mr. Carter's School — the Selectmen sent for him, and upon discoursing with the young Man, thought proper to appoint him Usher, for said School.

The Selectmen have Agreed to Induct Mr. Carter as Master of the Writing School in Queen street on Fryday next at 9. O'Clock. in the Forenoon.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen, Novem^r. 17, 1773. Present, Messrs. Scollay, Hancock, Marshall, Wendell, Pitts.

Mr. Samuel Hartley having Reported, the following was [23.] given him.

Boston, Novem^r. 17, 1773.

Mr. Samuel Hartley

You having Reported to us that Philip Nye, Joseph Rounde and Emanuel Seward who came in Capt. Whites Vessel are now sufficiently smoked and cleansed so as they may leave the Island without danger of communicating the Small Pox — Our Orders are that you may permit them to depart being first satisfied for the expence they have occasioned; the three packs of Wool must be opened and air'd before leave will be given to take them away, & you must take care that there is no needless waste in doing it: the three men must have a fresh suit of Clothes.

By Order of the Selectmen
William Cooper Town Clerk

A Petition having been received from a number of Inhabitants praying that a Town Meeting may be immediately called on account of the Tea expected.

The Town Clerk was directed to issue Notifications for a meeting at 10 OClock Thursday morning. Copy of Warr^t. &c. on file.

Mr. Scollay, Coll^o. Hancock & Coll^o. Marshall a Committee to inspect the Towns Arms and call in those that they are lent.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen, Novem^r. 24, 1773. Present, Messrs. Scollay, Hancock, Newell, Marshall, Pitts.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen, Novr. 27, 1773. Present, Messrs. Scollay, Hancock, Newell, Marshall, Austin, Wendell, Pitts.

At the request of Mr. Jonathan Clark one of the Consignees of the Tea exported by the East India Company the Selectmen met at 4 OClock P.M. present the whole Board. Mr. [24.] Jonathan Clark together with his Brother Mr. Isaac Winslow Clark, appeared, Mr.

Jonathan Clark then said that he found that his Fellowtownsmen had entertained a very unfavourable opinion of him on account of the Tea, that was reported to be consigned to him & Comp^{y}. from the India Company in London, he declared that the Consignment was not of his seeking that he was entirely clear of the matter, and that it was very disagreeable to him — that in order to restore tranquillity to the Town, and that he might stand in a favourable light with the Town, he was willing to do everything that could in Justice be required of him; The Selectmen then informed him that from what they could collect from the People abroad, nothing would satisfy the Inhabitants but reshipping of the Tea to London. he objected the impracticability of this measure. The Select men held up to him that nothing short of that would be satisfactory, and likewise the dreadful consequences that must in all probability insue on its not being done. After much discoursing with the Selectmen on the subject he absolutely promised this; that when the Tea arrived nothing underhanded should be done, that the Tea should not be taken out off the Vessel or disposed of in any shape at all; that so soon as the Vessel or Vessels should arrive with the Tea he would immediately hand in proposals to the Selectmen to lay before the Town, that he could not now do it as he did not know what particular Orders he might receive from the Shippers which particular Orders they had wrote him would accompany the Tea.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen, Novr. 28, 1773. Sabbath Day, Present.

[25.] The Select men having information that Capt. Hall in a Ship from London with Tea on board from the East India Company Consigned Mess^{r}. Clark, and others met at this time in expectation of hearing from M^{r}. Clark — having waited some time, they then sent to his dwelling House and were informed that he was not in Town —

The Board then Adjourned till after Divine Service.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen, Novr. 28, 1773. In the evening, Present Messrs.

Having met according to Adjournment, after waiting sometime in expectation of hearing from M^{r}. Clark, they again sent to his Dwelling house as also to the Houses of some of his Relations, when they were informed that he was out of Town, neither did they know where he was gone; they also sent to the House of M^{r}. Benjamin Faneuil another of the Consignees to inform him that if he had any thing to propose to the Selectmen which he would have laid before the Town they were then sitting — the Messenger was told that he was not in Town — the Meeting was then broke up.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Select men Decem^{r}. 1, 1773. Present, Mess. Scollay, Marshall, Newell.

M^{r}. John Richardson applys for two Men for Engine N. 1. and

offers James Baird & Josiah Brown in the room of John Ballard Junr. and John Brown.

The following was given the Keeper of Hospital —

Boston Decem^{r}. 2, 1773

M^{r}. Samuel Hartley

You may permit the three following Persons viz. John Chapman, John Seward, & Patrick McDaniel [26.] To leave the Island provided they have a fresh suit of Clothes that they are well cleansed and clear of Infection of the Small Pox, also the Boy belonging to Capt. Newell.

John Scollay
Tim^{o}. Newell
Thom^{s}. Marshall

M^{r}. Barrets Rent commences Decr. 6, 1773, for his House

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen, Decem^{r}. 7. Present, Mess^{r}. Scollay, Austin, Marshall, Wendell.

Ordered, that the Assize of Bread be set at Wheat at $\frac{6}{8}$ p. Bushel and that 6^{d}. p. Bushel be allowed the Bakers for their Charges Pains & Livelihood, which is computed as follows — Viz^{t}.

	lb.	oz.	dr.
A 4^{d}. Loaf of Brown Bread $\frac{3}{4}$ Wheat $\frac{1}{4}$ Rye Meal must weigh	2–	4	
a 4^{d}. Ditto not above $\frac{1}{2}$ Indian Meal must weigh	3–		
Bisket of a Copper Price - - - - - -	–	4–	5

Deacon Newell received of Peter Oliver by the hand of M^{r}. Moses Gill, as part Interest on O. Bond to the late M^{rs}. Brookers Forty-two pounds lawful money. Received about the 14 of Novem^{r}. last.

Voted, that the Widow Mary Mayes have a draft for 30/. being three Months Rent of the Ground on which the Hay Scales stands, ending the 3^{d}. of Novem^{r}. at which time the Lease expires.

The following Order, was given M^{r}. Hartley Keeper of the Hospital — vizt.

Boston Decem^{r}. 7, 1773.

M^{r}. Samuel Hartley

You having Reported to us, that this Day the Briggandine Beaver Hezekiah Coffin master arrived from London at Rainsfords Island having had the Small Pox on board during the passage — but that all are well & none of the People liable to take the Distemper. It is our Orders that you take everything from between Decks and smoke and cleanse the Vessel sufficiently, and then [27.] Report to us. She has Hemp between Decks, which you must receive on shore, and air — As Capt. Coffin and a Passenger are desirous of coming to Town — you may bring them up, they cleansing themselves & having a fresh shift of Clothes. let the Letters be brought up after being well smoked, let no one leave the Vessel without our Orders.

By Order of the Select men
William Cooper Town Clerk

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen, Decem^r. 7. 1773. In the Evening Present, Mess. Scollay, Newell, Austin.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen, Decem^r. 8. 1773. Present, Mess. Scollay, Hancock, Newell, Austin, Wendell, Pitts.

M^r. Hartley Keeper of the Hospital at Rainsfords Island having Reported with respect to Capt. Coffins Vessel the Beaver the following Orders were given him, Viz^t.

Boston Decem^r. 8. 1773.

M^r. Samuel Hartley

Our directions are that you take the whole of the Tea from between Decks upon the Deck of the Briggandine. if the Weather be fair let it lay on the Deck the whole Day to be aired, and at Night see it put between Decks again, and you with the two Men you are ordered to take down with you are to remain on board during the time the Tea is on Deck and on no account to absent yourselves, and by no means suffer one chest of Tea to be landed or taken away by any one, if any attempt should be made you are immediately to dispatch a Messenger to inform the Selectmen thereof. With respect to the other Articles between Decks, agreable to your former Orders you are to take them on shore to air & cleanse them, and must smoke & cleanse the Vessel as soon as may be, which being effected you are to make Report, that our Orders may issue for the Vessels coming to Town.

By Order of the Select men

WILLIAM COOPER Town Clerk

[28.] Capt. Sharp of Engine N. proposed Henry Swift as a suitable Person for his Company, in the room *in the room* (sic) of William Brown — and said Swift appearing, he was accordingly approved of by the Selectmen.

Voted, that Capt. Sharp of Engine N°. who has applyd for the premium allowed by the Town, for working first upon the Fire which lately broke out in Charter Street, have a draft on the Town Treasurer for the same.

drawn for in Novr. draft. see below.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen, Novr. 15, 1773. Present Messrs. Scollay, Hancock, Newell, Austin, Wendell, Pitts.

The following was sent to the Assessors.

Gentlemen

It is our opinion that the following Persons Inhabitants of other Towns in this Province ought to be taxed here for the Real Estate they Occupy, and the Business they do here, it being agreeable to Law — Viz^t.

The Honble. James Russell Esq.
Ralph Inman Esq.
M^r. Joseph Palmer
Elisha Doane Esq.
M^r. Francis Rotch Esq.

William Thompson Esq.
Alexander Brymer
We are Gentlemen Your humble Servants
John Scollay
John Hancock
Timothy Newell
Oliver Wendell
John Pitts
Selectmen of Boston

To
The Assessors of the Town of Boston.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen, Decem^{r}. 13, 1773. Present, Mess. Scollay, Newell.

M^{r}. Hartley Reported that the Briggandine Beaver Capt. Coffin was so well smoked & cleansed as that she might leave the Island with safety, whereupon the following was given M^{r}. Hartley and a Certificate given the Captain for the Governor.

Boston December 13^{d}. 1773.

[29.] M^{r}. Samuel Hartley

You having Reported to us that the Brigg^{ne}. Beaver Capt. Coffin stopt at Rainsfords Island on account of the Small Pox is now so well smoked and cleansed as that she may be permitted to leave the Island with safety to the Inhabitants.

Our Orders are that you suffer said Vessel to depart provided you are satisfied for the Expence she has occasioned. The Hemp and other things landed must be kept till our further Orders.

By Order of the Selectmen
William Cooper Town Clerk.

May it please your Excellency

The Brigg^{ne}. Beaver Capt. Coffin now at Rhode Island on account of the Small Pox has been so well smoked and cleansed as that in our opinion she may be permitted to leave the Island with safety to the Inhabitants if your Excell^{y}. thinks proper.

We are Your Excellencys Most obed^{t}. Humble Serv^{ts}.
Selectmen of Boston

Boston, Decem^{r}. 13. 1773.
His Excellency Thom^{s}. Hutchinson Esq.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen, Decr. 18. 1773. Present, Messrs. Scollay, Newell, Austin, Pitts.

The following was given the Keeper of Rainsfords Island in consequence of his Report made to the Selectmen.

Boston Decem^{r}. 18, 1773.

M^{r}. Samuel Hartley

You having Reported that the Hemp which came in the Beaver cap^{t}. Coffin from London has been so well smoked and cleansed as that the same may be allowed to be carried off your Island with safety to the Inhabitants — Our Order is [30.] That you per-

mit said Hemp to be taken away on Monday next being first satisfied for the charge.

JOHN SCOLLAY,
TIMOTHY NEWELL,
SAMUEL AUSTIN,
JOHN PITTS

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen, Decr. 20, 1773. Present, Mess. Scollay, Newell, Marshall, Austin.

In consequence of a Report from the Keeper of the Almshouse the following was given him.

Boston Decem^{r}. 20, 1773.

M^{r}. Samuel Hartley

The Brigg^{ne}. Lydia Thomas Collier from Bilboa being stopt at Rainsfords Island on account of three Persons having had the Small Pox on Board also the Schooner Success Capt. Ignatius Webber from St. Lucar order'd to said Island having three of his People who had the Small Pox — Our Orders are that you having Reported to us that you had so well smoked & cleansed those Vessels as that they might now leave the Island with safety, that you accordingly permit them to depart after you have been satisfied for the charge — the Briggandine for Marblehead and the Schooner for Cape Ann.

By Order of the Selectmen
WILLIAM COOPER Town Clerk

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen, Decr. 22^{d}. 1773. Present Mess. Newell, Marshall, Austin, Pitts.

Patrick Doudell was sent to the Almshouse by M^{r}. Scollay & M^{r}. Pitts, he being an infirm Stranger & not having wherewithall to support himself.

Passed upon M^{r}. Joseph Nowells Province Accounts & for Repairs of Hartleys Boat including M^{r}. Hews, Bowles & Luckis, Wendel, & Harris's Acco^{t}. all am^{t}. to £. 84–7–6 ——— as p. Copy on file.

[**31.**] Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen, Decr 29. 1773. Present Mess^{r}. Scollay, Newell, Marshall, Austin, Wendell, Pitts.

M^{r}. Norcrost Master of Engine N^{o}. applys for the Province allowed by the town for bringing their Engine to work first at the Fire that lately broke out at M^{rs}. Minots house in Southwicks Court — which was granted him accordingly.

drawn for.

Ordered that the Assize of Bread be set at Wheat at 6/8 bushel and that 6^{d}. p. Bushel be allowed to the Bakers for their Charges Pains and Livelihood, which is computed as follows, Viz^{t}.

	lbs.	oz.	dr.
A 4^{d}. Loaf of Brown Bread $\frac{3}{4}$ Wheat $\frac{1}{4}$ Rye meal must weigh	2 –	4 –	
a 4^{d}. ditto not above $\frac{1}{2}$ Indian Meal must weigh	3 –	–	
Bisket of a Copper price	"	4–	6

Mr. John Knecland informs that one Elizabeth Lewis came to his House as a maid, from Cape Codd.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen, Jany. 5, 1774. Present, Messrs. Scollay, Hancock, Marshall, Austin.

Passed upon Oliver Wendells Province Accounts amounting to £. 3-6/ as by Copy on file.

Deacon Newell received of sundry Persons the interest on their Bonds being Mrs. Brookers money. Viz.

Onesip. Tileston	£. 3–
John Grant	4–
Joseph A on	2–
Peter Oliver Esq.	42
George Minot	12
	£. 63.

Distributed as follows — Vizt.

Newell	Mrs. Thomson	£. 3–	Widow Coleman	£.	1–4
	Lillice Young	" 12	Mary Biggs		18
	Mary Collins	1–4			
					6–18
Newell	Negro Phillis - -	1–4	Widow Wise - - - -		1–16
	Widow Colman - -	1–4	Widow Chapel - - -		1–16
	Widow Russell - -	1–16	Widow Hutter - - -		1–16
	Carried			£.	
Newell	Mrs. Leblond - -	£. 2–8	Widow Downe - - -	£.	1–16
Austin Wendell	Mrs. Lovel - - -	1–16	Mrs. Henshaw - - -		1–16
Austin	Widow Wakefield	2–8	Mrs. Chaseau		2–8
	Mrs. Gibbons	1–4	Mrs. Hankins		1–16
Hancock	Mrs. Wendell	1–16	Mrs. Oliver		1–16
	Mrs. Lee	3–	Mrs. Loring	£.	1–16
	Mrs. Nichols	6–16	Mrs. Checkley		2–8
	[32.]				
Scollay	Mrs. Ray	1–10	Mrs. Muggerage		–18
	Mrs. Bass	1–4	Mrs. Golpin		1–4
	Mrs. Balland	–18			
Newell—Mrs. Whitcomb -		1–4	C.- - - - Mrs. Wardell -		1–4
		Brot. over	- - - -	£.	– –
Marshall	Mrs. Delaplace -	£. 1–10	Mrs. Winslow - - -		1–10
	Mrs. Fowle - - -	2–8	Mrs. Butter - - - -		1–4
	Mrs. Empson - -	1–4	Mrs. Nuttage - - -		1–4
	Mrs. Varney - -	1–4			
			in all - - -	£.	63–

the whole was distributed

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Jany. 12, 1773. Present, Messrs. Scollay, Newell, Austin, Wendell, Pitts.

M^{r}. Eliot & M^{r}. Clough complain of a Fire-place at a Shed in Black horse Lane near Capt. Foresights House, as being unsafe and dangerous.

The Sextons of the Town were sent for, and cautioned against burying any Persons without an absolute necessity therefor, of a Sabbath Night.

Passed upon D^{r}. Myles Whitworth's Province Account amounting to 28. 6/. as p. Copy on file — D^{r}. has the Copy.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen, Jan^{ry} 19, 1774. Present, Messrs. Scollay, Newell, Marshall, Austin, Wendell, Pitts.

Boston Ss:

Whereas Capt. William Bell applyd to the Select men for leave to open a drain or Common Shore in Cold Lane. He was directed to Notify the Parties concerned and the time appointed by Law for their objection thereto being out, he had leave to proceed.

The Expences of said Proceeding being now laid before us amounting to Fifteen pounds seven Shillings & 5^{d} $\frac{1}{4}$ we do according to the Authority by Law given us, proportion the Expence to be paid by the Persons hereafter named according to the Sum annexed to their names as follows — Viz^{t}.

	Capt. John Bradford	£. 1–3–8
	M^{r}. William Gray	1–3–8
	M^{r}. Benjamin Sumner Junr.	1–8–3
	M^{rs}. Polly Brown	1–3–8
	M^{rs}. ——— Phillips, Widow	1–3–8
[33.]	M^{r}. Joseph Hall	1–3–8
	M^{r}. ——— Dillerue	1–3–8
	Deacon Williams	1–3–8
	Rev^{d}. M^{r}. Snow	1–3–8
	Estate of D^{r}. Marshall	1–3–8
	Capt. Morton	1–3–8
	Benjamin Star	1–3–8
	William Bell	1–3–8
		£. 15–7–8

And we do hereby appoint Capt. William Bell to receive of the fore named Persons the several Sums affixed to their Names & to give discharges there for.

JOHN SCOLLAY
TIMOTHY NEWELL
THOMAS MARSHALL
SAMUEL AUSTIN
OLIVER WENDELL
JOHN PITTS

Boston Jany. 19. 1774 Selectmen of Boston

Boston Ss; At a Meeting of the Selectmen Jany. 20 1774.

Present, Mess. Scollay, Newell, Marshall, Austin, Wendell, Pitts.

The Committee on Lamps attended.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen, Jany. 26. 1774. Present, Messrs. Scollay, Marshall, Austin, Wendell, Pitts.

Ordered, that the Assize of Bread be set at Wheat at 6/8 p. Bushel and that 6^{d}. p. bushel be allowed to the Bakers for their charges pains and livelihood, which is computed as follows—Viz^{t}.

	lb.	oz.	dr.
A 4^{d}. Loaf of Brown Bread $\frac{3}{4}$ Wheat $\frac{1}{4}$ Rye Meal must weigh	2	4	
a 4^{d}. ditto not above $\frac{1}{2}$ Indian Meal must weigh -	3–		
Bisket of a Copper price - - - - -		4–	5

Passed upon D^{r}. Samuel Danforths Province accounts amount^{g} in the whole to £. 190–18–2.

Voted, that M^{r}. Scott the Shoemaker, have a draft on the Town Treasurer for the allowance made him by a Jury for the value of his Land taken into Paddys Alley, being £. 25.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Feby. 2^{d}. 1774. Present, Messrs. Scollay, Newell, Marshall, Austin, Pitts.

Passed upon Deacon Newells Province Account amounting to £. 14–16–2– as p. copy on file.

[34.] Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen, Feby. 4. 1774. Present, Messrs. Scollay, Newell, Marshall, Austin, Wendell.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Feby. 9, 1774. Present, Messrs. Scollay, Marshall, Austin, Wendell.

Passed upon M^{r}. Samuel Austins Province Account amounting to £. 11–9–3– as p. Copy on file.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen, Feby. 16, 1774. Present, Mess^{r}. Scollay, Newell, Marshall, Austin, Wendell.

M^{r}. Elijah Adams desires to be allowed to dig Graves &^{c}. in the Burying Grounds, he being a Sexton of the New South Church in the room of M^{r}. Bond deceased — also offers himself as a Watchman.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen, & Justices, Feby 17. 1774. Evening.

A Walk or Visitation of the Town Agreed upon.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen & Justices, Feby. 21', 1774.

Return of the State of the several Wards, was made this evening as by Papers on file.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen, Feby. 23' 1774. Present, Messrs. Scollay, Newell, Austin, Wendell, Pitts.

Ordered that the Assize of Bread be set at Wheat @ 6/8 p. bushel & that 6d. p. bushel be allowed to the Bakers for their Charges Pains & Livelihood which is computed as follows — Vizt.

A 4d. loaf of Brown Bread ¾ Wheat ¼ Rye meal must weigh	2 – 4
a 4d. ditto not above ½ Indian Meal must weigh	3 – "
Bisket of a Copper price - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - -	4 – 5

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Feby. 24, 1774. Present, Messrs. Scollay, Newell, Austin, Wendell, Pitts.

[35.] Passed upon mr. Samuel Hartleys Province Account amounting to £. 40 – 6 – 4 – as p. Copy on file.

Boston Ss: At a meeting of the Selectmen, Febv. 26, 1774. Present, Messrs. Scollay, Austin, Pitts.

Passed upon Messrs. Box and Austins Province Accot. amounting to £. 18 – 19 – 9⅓ as by Copy on file.

Boston Ss: At a meeting of the Selectmen March 1' Present, Messrs. Scollay, Newell, Austin, Wendell, Pitts.

Boston, Feby. 22, 1774

Sir

Sometime past the Town Clerk by Orders of the Selectmen wrote the Persons that owed money on Bond to the Estate of Mrs. Brooker that as that Interest was by her Will committed to the care of the Selectmen for the benefit of the Poor they could not consistent with their duty let any of the Moneys lay in any ones hands without Real Security. You Sir was informed of this by a Letter from the Town Clerk & in an interview that you afterwards had with some of the Selectmen you said that you should have sufficient to discharge the Obligation which we were in hopes would have been done ere this. We are not solicitous to have the Bond taken up if we can have Real Security given for it, but must insist that the Money be forthwith paid or we shall certainly put the Bond in suit at April Court. It will be irksome for us to take such a step neither should we do it (as the spirit of the times is) on any consideration but from a motive of faithfulness to our trust — we are

Sir

Your most hum. servts

JOHN SCOLLAY
JOHN HANCOCK
TIMOTHY NEWELL
THOMAS MARSHALL
SAMUEL AUSTIN
OLIVER WENDELL
JOHN PITTS
Selectmen of Boston

To
The Honble. Peter Oliver Esq.
In Middleborough.

[36.] Ordered, that the Town Clerk issue his Warrant for calling a Meeting on the 5′ of March for the Oration to be delivered.

Mr. Scollay & Mr. Newell a Commee. to wait on Collo. Hancock, and enquire whether the time for a Town Meeting is agreable.

Messrs. Edes and Gill have the printing of the Notifications for March Meeting 5′ March.

Boston March 1′ 1774

Sir

This is to inform you that the Selectmen have been expecting that agreable to your assurance you would have paid the Interest Money due for a long time on the Bonds given by your late Father which rest in their hands as residuary Legatees in the Will of the late Mrs. Brookers named.

We must again desire that you will immediately discharge the Interest mony at least, as we cannot permit the same to lay any longer, in Justice to the trust reposed in us by the said Will.

By Order of the Select men

WILLIAM COOPER Town Clerk

to Collo. Mills

It was agreed with Edward Smyth to have £. 40- Sterg. for one year, for overseeing the Lamps & Lamplighters & delivering the Oyle & Wicks & other necessary.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen, March 2d. 1774. Present, Messrs. Scollay, Newell, Marshall, Austin, Wendell, Pitts.

Capt. Franklyn of Engine No. 9. presented, John Crosby & William Stevens as Engine men for his Compy. in the room of John Roulston Junr. & Samuel Breeding who have resigned — who were accordingly accepted.

Capt. Sloan of Hancock Engine presented Gershom Thomas as a suitable Person for his Engine Compy. who was accordingly accepted.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen March 9. 1774. Present, Messrs. Scollay, Hancock, Newell, Marshall, Austin, Wendell, Pitts.

[37.] Passed upon Henderson Inches Province Account— amg. to £. 12- as p. Copy on file.

Application having been made to the Selectmen in behalf of John Coleman, a sick & infirm Person not an inhabitant of any Town in this Province, the Selectmen agreed to allow him for his support as much as the Province is charged with for their Poor at the Alms house.

A Collection was made by the Town at their meeting on the 5 of March Instant for Christopher Monk of Forty two pounds twelve Shillings & 4d. which by Order of the Town was deposited with the Selectmen for the use of said Monk — The Selectmen having determined to deliver the same to him at twelve different times, the whole was lodged with Deacon Newell for that purpose, who has made him one of these Monthly payments.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen, March 10′, 1774. Present, mess^{rs}. Scollay, Newell, Austin.

Voted, that the Town Clerk issue his Notifications for the Annual March Meeting on the 14′. Ins^{t}.

Voted, that Joseph Greenleaff Esq. have the printing of the Notifications for the March Meeting.

Voted, that Messrs. Austin & Pitts be a Committee to wait upon D^{r}. Eliot and desire him to open the approaching Town meeting with Prayer.

Mess^{r}. Austin & Pitts a Comm^{ee}. to see whether Major Dows may be accommodated with a peice of Ground in the Church Burying Ground in order to enlarge his Tomb.

Passed upon Paul Farmer, Keeper of the Almshouse his Province Accounts amounting to £. 593–6–11¾ & £. 45–5–1 as p. Copys on file.

[38.] Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen, March 16, 1774. Present, Messrs. Scollay, Marshall, Austin, Wendell, Pitts.

Francis Vaidale of Tours in the Province of Tournay applied to the Selectmen for leave to open a School, in this Town to teach French, and having produced Credentials of his being a Protestant, and having attended their Assemblies which Corresponded with his own declaration.

Hammers wanted for M^{r}. Bangs a Sealer of Leather.

The Selectmen received of Peter Oliver Esq. by the hands of Edward Lyde the Principal & Interest on M^{rs}. Brookers Bond being £. 150–13–11– which mony by Order of the Selectmen was delivered to Deacon Newell — the 11 Ins^{t}.

mem^{o}. the Interest was £. 6–7–3– the resi^{d}. being 144. 6. 8. Coll^{o}. Marshall had upon Bond.

M^{r}. Austin & Mr Pitts a Committee to view the North burying Ground, and give directions as to the repairs of the Wall as they may Judge proper.

M^{r}. Wendell desired to procure a Bull for the Common.

M^{r}. Holbrook master of the Writing School in the Common apply'd to the Selectmen for an assistant his Usher M^{r}. Fenno having resigned.

The Selectmen upon the recommendation of M^{r}. Holbrook have permitted him to take Andrew Cunningham as his assistant & he to be allowed by him the Towns allowance of £. 34– p. Annum.

A New Assize ordered.

Boston Ss: At a meeting of the Selectmen, March 23^{d}. 1774. Present, Messrs. Scollay, Newell, Marshall, Austin, Wendell, Pitts.

The Selectmen received of M^{r}. John Grant £. 4– being one years Interest on M^{rs}. Brookers Bond ending 23^{d}. March, 1774.

Deacon Newell had it.

The Selectmen received of Joseph Aterton of Harvard Twelve pounds lawful Money for Interest on Brookers Bond ending 20′ Feby. 1774 — Deacon Newell had.

Coll^{o}. Marshall received of Deacon Newell Treasurer of M^{rs}.

Brookers Donation to Poor Widows 144. 6. 8. for which [**39.**] He gave Bond dated 16′ March 1774.

Mr. Carter Master of School house in Queen Street acquainted the Selectmen that the House the Widow of the late Mr. Procter lived in is now empty, and that he is desirous of going into it as soon as may be.

The Select men consented that Mr. Carter should have the House, and Deacon Newell & Mr. Pitts are appointed a Committee, to order the necessary Repairs.

Memo. Mr. Treasurer has received of Deacon Newell £. 4–2–7– moneys received of Thomas Davis of Barnstable for Dr. Whitworths attendance at the Hospital, which the Dr. had a draft for— The Treasurer is to Cr. the Town for the same.

Mr. Paul Farmer Keeper of the Almshouse was directed by an Order dated Jany. 28, 1774 to receive one John Colman not an Inhabitant of any Town in this Province, who is sick and has not wherewithall to support himself.

Order signed by Mr. Scollay & Deacon Newell Selectmen & Deacon Barrett an Overseer.

Messrs. Oliver, Bicher, Deshon, Greenleaff, Hurst apply for Licenses as Vendue Masters, also Mr. Russel & Hunter, Gould, Church, Fellows, Simons.

Ordered, that the Town Clerk issue a Warrant for the calling a Town Meeting on the 30. Instant, 12 O Clock at Noon, on the business of a Town Clerk.

Voted, that Mr. Byles have the printing of the Notifications for said Meeting.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen, March 29. 1774. Present, Messrs. Scollay, Newell, Marshall, Austin, Pitts.

Collo. Marshall & Mr. Pitts a Committee to veiw Sea Street, and to Report what is proper to be done, Mr. Austin added to the Committee.

[**40.**] Mr. Putnam upon application had liberty to open a drain near his House in Summer Street to the Common Shore he taking care to restore the Ground and payment to the satisfaction of the Selectmen.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen, March 30′, 1774. Present, Mess. Scollay, Newell, Marshall, Austin, Pitts.

Ordered, that the Assize of Bread be set at Wheat at 6/4 p. bush. and that 6d. p. bushel be allowed to the Bakers for their charges, pains, and livelihood which is computed as follows, Vizt.

	lbs.	oz.	dr.
A 4d. loaf of brown Bread ¾ Wheat ¼ Rye Meal must weigh	"	"	"
a 4d. ditto not above ½ Indian meal	"	"	"
Bisket of a Copper price	"	"	"

Mr. Smith was directed to get Mr. John Hinckley Blacksmith to [relieve?] such of the Lamp Irons as he may Judge require it.

William Sharp is appointed by the Selectmen to remove any

Dirt Timber or other Incumbrances which may be laid upon the Neck.

The Town Clerk is directed to insert in the News Papers that part of the Law relative to Lamps which relates to the removing Boards &c. which distract the sight of the Lamps.

Boston Ss. At a meeting of the Selectmen March 31, 1774. Present, Messrs. Scollay, Newell, Marshall, Austin.

The Selectmen having considered, the Petitions of three Gentlemen who had been Licensed the last year as Vendue Masters for this Town agreable to a Law of the Province, did as on the Yesterday approve of all those who served in that place the last year, together with Mr. David Simons, in the room of one who declined accepting the choice the last Year & the Town Clerk is directed to make out their respective Licenses as soon as may be.

[41.] Boston Ss: At a meeting of the Selectmen, April 6, 1774. Present, Messrs. Scollay, Newell, Marshall, Austin, Pitts.

Mr. Paul Farmer Keeper of the Almshouse was directed to receive into the Almshouse on the Province Acct. one John Stewart to be supported there, he being sick & infirm & not having where with all to support himself—Order signed by Mr. Scollay and Newell, two of the Selectmen.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen, April 8, 1774. Present, Messrs. Scollay, Newell, Austin, Wendell, Pitts.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen April 13, 1774. Present Messrs. Scollay, Newell, Wendell, Pitts.

William Dorrington Keeper of the Hospital at New Boston, gave in an Inventory of the Necessary Articles, now belonging to said Hospital, in his keeping — as on file.

Mr. Mc.fadden gave in a List of the Cows which feed upon the Common, as on file.

Mr. John Ballard Master of Engine No. 1. having as the Selectmen are informed by Mr. Bently declined serving as he purposes to reside wholly at the Eastward, where he now is, and the Engine Company having recommend Mr. Joshua Bently as a proper Person to be appointed Master of said Engine; the Selectmen have accordingly appointed him. and the Clerk is directed to make out his Orders.

Mr. Bently proposed Newbery Clough & William Dyer for Engine Men in the room of John Ballard & John Richardson — who were accordingly accepted by the Selectmen.

Dr. Wendell, & Mr. Pitts, with Col.o Hancock a Commc. to view the Bank before his House, and order such repairs as they think proper — also to view the Common where the Carts with Bricks from the Old Powder House have passed, and to see that the damage done by these Carts, is repaired.

[42.] Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen, April 20. 1774. Present Messr. Marshall, Wendell.

Orders were given Joshua Bently Master of Engine N°. 1 — of the common Tenor — his Engine is kept by the Old North Meeting House — has 19 men with himself — vizt.

Joshua Bently	Orcut Shaw
Thomas Marble	Benjamin Cushing
Richard Grant	John Hughes
Timothy Atkins	Jonathan Brown
Thomas Christy	Walter Piper
B. Ballard	John Richardson
William Brown	James Baird
John Bryant	Josiah Brown
Newbury Clough	William Dyer
James Robins	

Maj^r. Barbour acquaints the Selectmen that he is in want of a Flag for the North Battery — and informed that the Magazine & Wall of said Battery is out of repair.

Coll°. Marshall & D^r. Wendell appointed a Committee to view the Fence on the Neck.

Maj^r. Barbour was directed to procure a Flag for North Battery, agreable to his request.

M^r. Scollay & Newell a Committee to agree with M^r. Corbit for the hire of his Ground where the Hay Engine stands which M^r. Bayly says M^r. Corbit will let for £. 10 — p. annum.

M^r. Scollay & M^r. Wendell a Committee to procure a Stove for Master Lovels School.

Deacon Newell M^r. Scollay & M^r. Austin a Comm^ee. to enquire into the Circumstances of a Boy at the Alms house by the name of James Tant — his reputed Father William Tant — his Mother Elizabeth Thompson.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen, April 26, 1774. Present Mess. Scollay, Newell, Marshall, Austin, Wendell, Pitts.

[**43.**] Ordered, that the Assize of Bread be set at Wheat at 6/4 p. bushel, and that 6^d. p. Bushel be allowed to the Bakers for their Charges Pains and Livelihood, which is computed as follows —vizt.

	lb.	oz.	dr.
A 4^d. Loaf of Brown Bread ¾ Wheat ¼ Rye meal must weigh - - - - - - - - -	"	"	"
a 4^d. ditto not above ½ Indian meal must weigh -	"	"	"
Bisket of a Copper price	"	"	"

M^r. Nathaniel Corbit has agreed with the Selectmen for the hire of the Ground the Hay Engine stands upon at the rate of £.10 – p. annum. for so long a time as the Selectmen shall occupy the same — the rent to commence from 4' of April Ins^t. M^r. Corbit is to give 3 months warning for the removal of the Engine if he should have occasion to make Sale of the Land —

Thomas Hoadly admitted a Watchmen in the New Boston Watch under Constable Torry in the room of one Dayly.

Mr. Isaac Pearce appointed to warn poor & vagrant Persons out of Town — M^r. Love being dead — and the Clerk is directed to make out his Orders —

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen May 4, 1774. Present, Messrs. Scollay, Newell, Marshall, Austin, Wendell, Pitts.

M^{r}. Benjamin Henderson having satisfied the Selectmen that he had paid in the full Tax of 1772. agreable to a Vote of the Town and desiring his Bonds for that Year may be delivered him, the Clerk was directed to deliver them accordingly —

Coll^{o}. Marshall appointed to procure 5 set of New Hammers for Sealing of Leather, for the 5. Sealers of Leather, the same to be number'd.

M^{r}. Elijah Adams Sexton of the New South Church was appointed to the care of the Old Burying Place & the Burying Ground near the Granary.

Town Clerk ordered to issue a Warrant for Town Meeting Tuesday next the 10$^{\prime}$. Ins^{t}. 10. O Clock.

[44.] Deacon Newell & M^{r}. Pitts a Comm^{ee}. to invite M^{r}. Lothrop, D^{r}. Cooper whose turn it is being out of Town to open the Meeting with Prayer.

Messrs. Fleets to have the printing of Notifications.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen, May 7, 1774. Present, Messrs. Scollay, Newell, Austin, Pitts.

Information having been given the Selectmen that the Brigg^{n}. ——— Benjamin Smith master, has been stopt at Rainsfords Island, one Person having been buried out of her with the Small Pox and another sick on board. the following was given M^{r}. Hartley Keeper of the Hospital.

Boston May 7, 1774

M^{r}. Samuel Hartley

There being a Briggandine stopt at your Island with the Small Pox who left Liverpool 8 Weeks past — Benjamin Smith master which Vessel is owned in Plymouth — Our directions are that you proceed in the usual manner in cleansing the Vessel, taking out upon Deck all the Crates &^{c}. between Decks, and airing them. The man sick on board will have a Doctor sent down, and if he can be removed with safety, to the Hospital, Dr. Whitworth will acquaint you — Before the Man is taken on shore the Workmen must leave the Island You must suffer no one to leave the Vessel or to come on board without our permission, and in every respect to behave with due caution that the C^{r}. we have obtained by preventing a spread of the Distemper in times past may not be lost — Let us know the State of things, when you will have further directions.

By Order of the Selectmen
WILLIAM COOPER Town Clerk.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen, May 11, 1774. Present, Mess. Scollay, Newell, Marshall.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen, May 18, 1774. Present Mess. Scollay, Marshall, Wendell, Pitts.

[45.] M^{rs}. Hartley attended, and informed, that one William Hearsy a Son of Hearsey in this Town, sent down by M^{r}. Scollay.

with the Small Pox is in want of necessaries, and desired orders to supply him, whereupon. the following Letter was sent Mr. Hartley.

Boston, May 18, 1774

Mr. Samuel Hartley

As Mr. Hearseys Son sent down to Rainsfords Island with the Small Pox is in want of necessaries, you are desired to procure the same as cheap as possible, and we shall reimburst you for the same.

By Order of the Select men

WILLIAM COOPER Town Clerk.

Passed upon Mr. Samuel Hartleys Province Account amounting to £. 10–4/– as p. Copy on file.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen which was 12′ May, 1774. Present, Messrs. Scollay, Newell, Marshall, Austin, Pitts.

Voted, that the Town Clerk be directed to issue his Orders for a Town Meeting May 12 — 11. O Clock.

Messr. Edes & Gill had the printing of the Notifications.

The following Letter was sent Mr. Hartley.

Boston, May 12, 1774

Mr. Samuel Hartley

You having Reported to us by Letter that Capt. Smiths Briggne. is sufficiently smoked and cleansed & that she may come to Town without danger to the Inhabitants it is our Orders that you give her one more smoking & let her leave the Island on Saturday next after being satisfied for your trouble.

JOHN SCOLLAY
TIMOTHY NEWELL
THOMAS MARSHALL
SAMUEL AUSTIN
JOHN PITTS
Selectmen of Boston

P.S. Putting the Goods taken from between Decks, on the Island untill further Orders.

A Certificate was given the Governor near the Common tenor.

Passed upon Dr. Danforths Province Accot. amounting as p. copy on file to £. 274–2–10.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen, May 26, 1774. Present, Messrs. Newell, Austin, Wendell, Pitts.

[46.] Ordered, that the Assize of Bread be set at Wheat at 6/4 p. bushel, and that 6d. p. bushel be allowed to the Bakers for their Charges Pains & Livelihood, which is computed as follows — Vizt.

	lb.	oz.	dr.
a 4d. Loaf Brown Bread ¾ Wheat ¼ Rye meal must weigh - - - - - - - - -	"	"	"
a 4d. ditto not above ½ Indian Weigh - -	"	"	"
Bisket of a Copper price - - - - -	"	"	"

Passed upon William Todds Province Acco^{t}. amounting as p. Copy on file to £. 4.

Boston, May 26, 1774

M^{r}. Samuel Hartley

You having Reported to us that the Crates of Ware brought in Capt. Smiths Brigg^{ne}. are sufficiently smoked and aired, you are permitted to bring them up to Boston, taking care that you are first satisfied as to the charge.

By Order of the Select men
WILLIAM COOPER Town Clerk

Voted, that the Town Clerk have a draft for £. 20.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen June 1, 1774. Present, Mess. Scollay, Newell, Austin, Wendell, Pitts.

Passed upon Timothy Newells Province Account amounting as by Copy on file to £. 12-8-4- & 12/more.

Messrs. Barker, Fowle, Stevens, W^{m}. & Thomas Sharp, Hoadly & Ayres, attended, and agreed with the Selectmen that they would continue Lamp Lighters thro' the Winter.

Issued a Warrant to Messrs. Daws & Homer to Survey the Chimnies of a House in Short Street owned by M^{rs}. Marston.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen, June 4, 1774. Present, Messrs. Scollay, Newell, Marshall, Austin, Wendell, Pitts.

Whereas several of the Captains of the Militia have desired the lent [?] of the Towns Arms to exercise their Companys Coll^{o}. Marshall & Deacon Newell are appointed a Committee to deliver out the same, and take security for the return of them.

[47.] Passed upon Allen & Ruggles Province account amounting to £. 7-15-9-, as p. Copy.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen, June 8, 1774. Present, Messrs. Newell, Marshall, Pitts.

Voted, that the Clerk deliver M^{r}. Hollyday his Bonds for 1772.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen, June 15, 1774. Present, Messrs. Scollay, Newell, Marshall, Austin, Wendell.

M^{r}. Bayley apply'd for liberty to open a Drain from his House near the North Battery into the Common Shore.

Liberty was accordingly granted, he making good the Pavement, and the Ground to the satisfaction of the Selectmen.

Application being made by the Friends & Relations of Nathan Shute that he may be permitted to go in the Country to the House of Eben^{r}. Shute of Malden for his better health & that they will make such addition to the Province support as may be necessary. M^{r}. Farmer was directed to permit his going out.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen, June 22^{d}. 1774. Present, Messrs. Scollay, Newell, Marshall, Pitts.

M^{r}. Edwards appeared & acquainted the Selectmen that M^{r}.

Robinson had no further use for the lower Stalls he had hired on the South side of the Market — vizt. N. 15–16–17–18–19–

mem^{o}. he is obliged by his Lease to give a Quarters warning.

An Order to Messrs. Bennett & Symms Constables to observe these Persons who may sell Strong Drink as p. Copy on file.

Boston June 22^{d}. 1774.

M^{r}. Samuel Hartley

You having Reported to us that one Robert Shaw who has had the Small Pox at your Island, has been so well cleansed as that he may be permitted to leave the Island with safety — Our Orders are that you permit him to come off not taking anything with him but is well aired & cleansed.

By Order of the Select men
WILLIAM COOPER Town Clerk.

[48.] Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen, June 24, 1774. Present. Messrs. Scollay, Marshall, Austin, Pitts.

Voted, that there be a visitation of the Free Schools in this Town on Wednesday the —— Day of July next, and that the following Gentlemen be invited to accompany the Selectmen therein, and that they be notified to attend at the Select mens Chamber at 8 OClock in the Morning of said Day in order to proceed on the visitation.

The Honble. James Bowdoin
James Pitts Esq.
The Representatives of the Town—
John Barret Esq.
M^{r}. W^{m}. Whitwell
The Town Treasurer
The Rev^{d}. Charles Chauncy D.D.
Mather Byles D.D.
Andrew Eliot D.D.
Samuel Cooper D.D.
Ebenezer Pemberton D.D.
Samuel Mather D.D.
John Hunt
John Bacon
M^{r}. Lothrop
M^{r}. Howard
M^{r}. How
M^{r}. Gorden
M^{r}. Ward
Capt. Frazier
M^{r}. Stephen Minot
M^{r}. Samuel Bass
Nathl. Taylor Esq.
M^{r}. John Amory
M^{r}. Peter Hughes
Arnold Wells Esq.
Meletiah Bonne Esq.
D^{r}. John Greenleaff
M^{r}. Daniel Parker
M^{r}. Joseph Hall
M^{r}. Peter Boyer
M^{r}. Eliphalet Fitch

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen June 29, 1774 Present Messrs. Scollay, Newell, Marshall, Pitts.

Ordered, that the Assize of Bread be set at Wheat at 6/4 p. Bushell and that 6^{d}. p. Bushel be allowed to the Bakers for their charges, Pains & Livelihood, which is computed as follows — Viz^{t}.

	lb.	oz.	dr.
a 4^{d}. Loaf Brown Bread $\frac{3}{4}$ Wheat $\frac{1}{4}$ Rye Meal must weigh	"	"	"
a 4 ditto not above $\frac{1}{2}$ Indian Meal must weigh	"	"	"
Bisket of a Copper price	"	"	"

Mr. Farmer Keeper of the Almshouse has liberty to put his Cows into the Church Burying Ground at Nights.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen, July 2d. 1774 Present Mess. Scollay, Austin, Wendell, Pitts.

[49.] Mr. Wentworth who is in possession of a House belonging to the Town near Boston Neck has informed the Selectmen that application has been made to him by Majr. Goldthwait for the improvement of said House as a Guard House; where upon the Select men informed Mr. Wentworth that as Officers of the Town they could not consent to any such improvement of the Towns Estate —

The Selectmen having received a Letter from the Commee. of Correspondence of the Town of Windham in Connecticut, by Mr. Howard & Compy. accompanied with the Resolutions of said Town at their Meeting 28'. Ultimo relative to the present distress of the Town of Boston occasioned by the late cruel Port Bill, in which they have not only expressed their sympathy by Letter, but have generously sent for the relief of the distressed in this Town 258 Sheep— but as the Town of Boston at a late meeting impowered the Overseers to receive all such Donations — the Selectmen have assigned said Sheep to the care & disposal of the same Commee. in concert with a Commee. of the Town on Ways & means for imploying the Poor. see below —

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen June 4, 1774. Present, Messrs. Scollay, Newell, Marshall, Austin.

Boston July 2d. 1774

Gentlemen

We received by Mr. Howard your very kind obliging and Sympathetick Letter accompanying a very generous & acceptable donation for the Poor of the Town of Boston. We cannot but with the utmost feelings of gratitude applaud the noble spirit that appears in the respectable Town of Windham on this occasion, a spirit truly characteristick of New England men descended from Ancestors the most worthy of imitation & aplause. That our situation in this Town is truly deplorable needs no comment; that for a single supposed trespass our whole Foreign Trade to be anihilated & thousands of persons that depended on their dayly labour for their Bread to be reduced to a state of extreme want; and superadded to all this to have a military force introduced among us to insult us in our distress, is a measure that must mark the present administration. But amidst [50.] Our sufferings it is a great aleviation that all our Sister Colonies have adopted these sufferings as their own, and that from them we may expect all that relief & assistance that such an opinion must inspire but to none are we more obliged than to the Colony of Connecticut & the several Towns therein that have distinguished themselves on this occasion. May the blessing of him that is ready to perish come upon all those that with a liberal hand are dealing out their bounty to the distressed Poor of this devoted Town who not withstanding what they already suffer are ready & willing to suffer

yet more rather than give up their Birth right Priviledges, permit us Gentlemen in behalf of this Town to return you our sincere thanks for this token of your good will & to subscribe ourselves.

Your Brethren & most Hum. Servts.

J. SCOLLAY
T. NEWELL
T. MARSHALL
BENJE. AUSTIN
OLIVER WENDELL
JOHN PITTS
Selectmen of Boston

To
The Gentlemen Selectmen of Windham
in Connecticut Colony

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen, July 6, 1774. Present Mess. Scollay, Newell, Austin, Marshall, Wendell, Pitts.

The Selectmen proceeded with the Gentlemen invited to a visitation of the publick Schools; but upon account of the present distress, the Dinner usual on such days was laid aside.

Passed upon Mr. Samuel Hartleys Province Account amounting as p. Copy on file to 23. 10/

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen July 12, 1774, Present Messrs. Scollay, Newell, Austin.

The Hayward was directed to fat the Bull, which is unruly in order to its being killed for the Almshouse.

Voted, that the Assize of Bread be altered & a new Assize given out by the Clerk.

	lb.	oz.
a Loaf $\frac{3}{4}$ Wheat $\frac{1}{4}$ Rye or Indian to weigh - -	2 –	6
$\frac{1}{2}$ Indian $\frac{1}{2}$ Rye - - - - - - - -	3 –	6–

[**51.**] Passed upon the old List of Licensed Persons, and made Return to the Sessions accordingly.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen July 18, 1774, Present Messrs. Scollay, Newell, Marshall, Wendell.

Agreed to go down to Rainsfords Island to view the Hospital.

Passed upon Mr. Paul Farmers Province Accounts amounting as by Copy on file to £. 446–9– $\frac{3}{4}$ & £. 35–11–11 as p. Copys on file.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen at Deer Island, July 20, 1774. Present, Mess. Scollay, Newell, Hancock, Marshall, Austin, Wendell, Pitts.

Passed upon Thomas Moores Province Accot. amg. as to £.——
——— ———

Passed upon Abraham Rogers Province Acct. amg. as p. ——— to £. ———

Passed upon Deacon Newells Province Accot. amount as p. —— to £. ———

Passed upon —— —— —— —— —— ——

Passed upon Samuel Hartleys Province Account amounting as p. ——— to £.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen July 23, 1774 Present Mess. Scollay, Newell, Marshall, Austin, Wendell, Pitts.

The Town Clerk is directed to issue a Warrant for a Town Meeting —

Voted, that Daniel Kneeland have the printing of the Notification.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen July 27. 1774 Present Messrs. Scollay, Newell, Marshall, Austin, Pitts.

Passed upon Accompts.

[52.] Ordered that the Assize of Bread be set at Wheat 6/ p. 6 bushel, and that 6^{d}. p. bushel be allowed to the Bakers for their Charges Pains and Livelihood, which is computed as follows, Viz^{t}.

a 4^{d}. Loaf Brown Bread $\frac{3}{4}$ Wheat $\frac{1}{4}$ Rye or Indian to weigh - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - -	2 – 6 –
a 4^{d}. ditto - - - - $\frac{1}{2}$ Indian $\frac{1}{2}$ Rye - - - - - - -	3 – 6 –

Voted _____

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen July 30 1774. Present Messrs. Scollay, Newell, Austin, Pitts.

Ordered, that upon the Complaint of the Bakers the Assize be altered, and that the Bread be set at Wheat at 6/4 p. bushel, and that 6^{d}. p. bushel be allowed to the Bakers for their charges Pains and Livelihood, which is computed as follows, Viz^{t}.

	lb.	oz.
a 4^{d}. Loaf Brown Bread $\frac{3}{4}$ Wheat $\frac{1}{4}$ Rye & Indian Meal to weigh - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - -	2	– 6
a 4^{d}. Ditto - - - - - $\frac{1}{2}$ Indian $\frac{1}{2}$ Rye Meal - - -	3	– 6 –

It is agreed to allow the Pavers employed in repairing the publick Streets, 8.^{d}. p. yard for paving and the Labourers 2/8 p. Day — those who pick up the Stones are to have 20^{d}. /. old tenor — p. Day.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen, Augt. 1, 1774 Present Mess^{r}. Scollay, Newell, Austin, Pitts.

Agreed with a number of Pavers and Labourers for paving the Streets, at the foregoing rates.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen, Augt. 3, 1774 — A.M. Present Messrs. Scollay, Newell, Marshall, Austin.

Several Persons attended, who complain'd of ill treatment from some Officers the ——— of last Month — vizt. M^{r}. Fullerton Burton & Smith

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen, Augt. 3^{d}. 1774. Present, Mess. Scollay, Newell, Marshall, Austin, Wendell, Pitts.

The Town Clerk was directed to deliver M^{r}. Benjamin Gray a Collector of Taxes for 1772, the Bonds he signed for the faithful

discharge of his duty, he having paid the several Collectors for the Tax of said year.

Maj^{r}. Dawes had liberty to build a Tomb in the old Burying Place in a vacant peice of Ground.

[**53.**] Major Small Ad. Camp to Earl Percy attended with two Officers of 4^{d} Regiment vizt.

when the Officers acknowledged the offence committed by them against some of the Inhabitants at the late affray at New Boston the ——— of July last at about 9 or 10. O Clock that Evening; expressed their concern that too cheerful a Glass should betray them into such a behavior which they should carefully avoid for the future, and beg'd the interposition of the Selectmen to prevent any prosecution or law suits in consequence of their conduct. the Selectmen acquainted the Major that the Persons who had complained to them would be satisfied with this acknowledgment; and the Major expressed his obligation to the Selectmen for their kindness in this accommodation, and assured them that agreeable to their desire his utmost care would not be wanting to prevent such cause of offence to the Inhabitants in any future time.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Augt. 10^{d} 1774 Present Mess. Scollay, Newell, Marshall, Wendell, Pitts.

M^{r}. Dyer appeared and craved leave to open a Drain from Purchase Street, near the Admirals House, when liberty was granted upon condition of the Ground & Pavements being made good, to the satisfaction of the Selectmen.

The Town of Charlestown by M^{r}. Seth Sweetser the Town Clerk by Letter promise to indemnify this Town from any charge that may arise on Mrs. Mary Cook who is an Inhabitant of Charlestown, whiles she resides in Boston — as p. Letter on file.

M^{r}. William Payne from Barnstable applys to the Selectmen for leave to open a School in this Town for teaching English Grammar Writing & Arithmetick.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen, Augt. 13, 1774 Present Messrs. Scollay, Newell, Marshall, Austin, Wendell, Pitts.

In consequence of a Billet received Yesterday [**54.**] From Governor Gage, all the Selectmen saving Coll^{o}. Hancock waited on him this Day between Twelve and one O'Clock at the Province House, being introduced by his Aid de Camp. The Governor upon coming into the room where we were standing, without any ceremony of any kind, said, the reason of his sending for us, were contained in a Paper he had in his hand which he would read to us, the contents were, — "that he had received from England the two acts of Parliament lately passed in which was inserted a Clause for bidding the calling Town Meetings without special license from the Governor:" after he had read this Paper he produced the Act of Parliament and turned to the Clause, and gave it to the Selectmen to read — after the same was read, the

Governor observed, "that as he was soon to go out of Town he chose to give us this Information that if a Town Meeting should be wanted, upon our application to him if he should Judge it expedient he would allow one to be called" — we told him that at present we had no need of calling a Town Meeting for we had two now alive by Adjournment, one of them to be some time this month, the other to be held in October. On this information he looked serious and said "he must think upon that," adding "that by thus doing we might keep the Meetings alive for ten years," we told him the Adjournment of those Meetings was not the Act of the Selectmen but of the Town, and that we were Officers, chosen by the Town to manage the prudentials of it, who had our duty laid down in the Law of Province, — that we had always endeavoured to do our duty conformable to the Laws and hoped we always should — on our so saying he said, & we thought with some degree of temper, "that he was determined to enforce those Acts of Parliament, and that if any bad consequences ensued, we must be answerable and not he."

[**55.**] Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen, Augt. 17, 1774, Present Mess. Scollay, Newell, Marshall, Austin, Wendell, Pitts.

The Selectmen having acted upon the List of Taveners & Retailers for the last year, the same was returned to M^{r}. Goldthwait Clerk of the Sessions, with the doings of the Selectmen thereon, as p. Copy on file — they now considered the Petitions presented, when the following Persons were approbated by the Selectmen — Viz^{t}

Sarah Bean - - -	to keep Tavern at the Admiral Vernon.
John Crosby - - -	to Retail at his Shop near y^{e}. White Horse S.E.^{d}.
John Durant - - do - do - -	near the above S.E.
Jennet Trail - - do - do - -	near Winnesimet Fery N.E.
Jacob Thayer - - do - do - -	near South Battery.
Charles Cobbet - do - do - -	in Middle Street N.E.
Joseph Shed - - do - do - -	near Old South Meeting
Elizabeth Warden do - do - -	near two Palaviras, N. E.
Samuel Web - do - do - -	in Queen Street.
Mary M^{c}.Carty - do - do - -	Fore Street North End.
Sarah Chadwill - do - do - -	near Tylers Ship Yard, N.E.
Andrew Campbell - do - do - -	near White Horse, S.E.
John Ingersoll - do - do - -	at Wheelwrights Wharff.
Mary Lovel - do - do - -	at Marshalls Lane.
Susannah Bacon - do - do - -	near Bulls Wharff S.E.
Rachel Love - - do - do - -	near M^{r}. Byles Meet^{g}. House.
Dorcas Griffiths - do - do - -	Head of Hancocks Wharff.
Abigail Frost - - do - do - -	near Tylers Ship Yard
George Thomas - do - do - -	near M^{r}. Mathers Meet^{g}. house

David Newhall	do	do	near Charlestown Ferry
John Bryant	do	do	Paddys Alley or Street
Mary Popkins	do	do	Wentworths Wharff.
Thomas Waido	do	do	Long Wharff.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen, Augt. 23, 1774 Present Messrs. Scollay, Newell, Marshall, Wendell, Pitts.

Benjamin Austin Esq. of y^{e}. Comm^{ee}. on Ways & Means, apply'd to the Selectmen for liberty to open a Brick Kiln on the [**56.**] West side of the Neck — Liberty was accordingly granted it appearing to the Selectmen, to be a very useful Undertaking in the present emergency. M^{r}. Austin also apply'd to know how their Committee might repair the Street at the South End, called Sea Street so as to benefit the Town.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen, Augt. 24, 1774. Present Messrs. Scollay, Newell, Marshall, Austin, Wendell, Pitts.

M^{r}. Smith, Lamp Lighter, apply'd to the Selectmen and acquainted them he expected to be paid according to Agreement although the Lamps had not been lighted the last Quarter — M^{r}. Newell & M^{r}. Pitts were appointed a Committee to inspect the Towns Powder, and make Report.

Messrs. Scollay and Newell, appointed a Committee to write to Marblehead and Malden for payment of their Hospital Accounts.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen, Augt. 31, 1774. Present Messrs. Scollay, Newell, Marshall, Austin, Wendell, Pitts.

Whereas it was agreed with M^{r}. Edward Smith to take the care of the Town Lamps for twelve months he to receive the sum of Forty Pounds Ster^{g}. for that term of time, and whereas £. 13–6–8– lawful mony has been paid him for one quarter, & another quarter expires this day; but by reason of the distress occasioned by the Boston Port Bill, the Lamps have not been light the last Quarter— therefore,

Voted, that m^{r}. Smith have a draft for said last Quarter as tho' the service had been performed he having engaged to perform said service in any future time when called upon for that purpose, it being his intention and agreement to perform the service at the rate he had engaged for a twelve month, when the Town shall think proper to have the Lamps again lighted; and to consider this 2^{d}. Quarters pay as so much advanced on account of service, which remains still to be performed by him, when called upon for that purpose.

In the mem^{o}. Book he has signed his Name to such a Writing as the above.

[**57.**] Ordered, that the Assize of Bread be set at Wheat at 6/4 p. Bushel, and that 6^{d}. p. Bushel, be allowed to the Bakers for their Charges Pains & Livelihood, which is computed as follows, Viz^{t}.

	lb.	oz.	dr.
a 4^{d}. Loaf of Brown Bread ¾ Wheat ¼ Rye or Indian Meal	2	6	–
a 4^{d}. ditto ½ Indian & ½ Rye	3.	6.	
Bisket of a Copper price			

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Sepr. 7, 1774. Present Mess. Scollay, Newell, Marshall, Wendell, Pitts.

Joseph Pope an Infant Child of a Stranger whose Parents have absconded, being left destitute, was sent to the Alms house on Province Account.

Edward Power a Child of a Stranger belonging to one of the Men of War, being left by the Mother at D^{r}. Churches Entry, was also sent to the Alms house on the Province Acco^{t}. by two Selectmen vizt. M^{r}. Scollay & M^{r}. Newell.

Boston Ss: At a meeting of the Selectmen, Sepr. 6, 1774. Present Messrs. Scollay, Newell, Marshall, Austin, Wendell, Pitts.

The Select men made the following application to the Governor which was read to him by the Town Clerk, vizt.

May it please your Excellency

The Selectmen of the Town of Boston now wait on your Excellency to acquaint you, that the Inhabitants of the Town are much alarmed to find that your Excellency has ordered the breaking up the Ground near the Fortification on the Neck, and the Selectmen would beg of your Excell^{y}. to explain your design in this extraordinary Movement that they may thereby have it in their power to quiet the Minds of the People.

To the above the Governor reply'd to the following purpose—

[58.] That he had no intention of stoping up the Avenue to the Town or of obstructing the Inhabitants or any of the Country People, coming or going out of the Town as usual, that he had taken his measures and should pursue them; and that he was determined to protect his Majestys Subjects & his Majestys Troops in this Town, and that he had no intuition of any thing hostile against the Inhabitants of the Town.

The following was handed to the Governor by the Town Clerk, that he might object if he had been taken up wrong. but he having approved of the reply, the Clerk was ordered to publish the same in the publick Prints.

Boston Ss: At a meeting of the Selectmen, Sepr. 8′ 1774 Present Mess. Scollay, Newell, Hancock, Austin.

The Town Clerk was directed to wait on the Governor, acquainting him that the Selectmen had business & would wait upon him this Afternoon.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Sepr. 9, 1774 Present: Messrs. Scollay, Newell, Hancock, Austin, Wendell, Pitts.

The Selectmen agreed upon the following address to Governor Gage, which was read & presented to him by the Town Clerk on Fryday last. the Select men being present — Viz^{t}.

May it please your Excellency

The Selectmen of Boston at the earnest desire of a num-

ber of Gentlemen of the Town and Country, again wait on your Excellency to acquaint you that since our late Application the apprehensions of the People not only of this but of the neighbouring Towns, are greatly increased by observing the design of erecting a Fortress at the entrance of the Town, and of reducing this Metropolis in other respects to the state [**59.**] Of a Garrison — this with complaints lately made of abuse from some of the Guards posted in that quarter in assaulting and forceably detaining several Persons who were peaceably passing in and out of the Town, may discourage the market People from coming in with their Provisions as usual, and oblige the Inhabitants to abandon the Town. This event we greatly deprecate as it will produce miseries which may hurry the Province into Acts of Desperation.

We should therefore think ourselves happy, if we could satisfy the People that your Excellency would suspend your present design and not add to the distresses of the Inhabitants occasioned by the Port Bill, that of Garrisoning the Town.

JOHN SCOLLAY Chairman of the Selectmen.

To which his Excellency was pleased to return the following answer.

Gentlemen,

When you lately applied to me respecting my ordering some Cannon to be placed at the entrance of this Town, which you term the erecting a Fortress; I so fully expressed my Sentiments, that I thought you was satisfied the People had nothing to fear from that measure, as no use would be made thereof, unless their hostile Proceedings should make it necessary, but as you have this Day acquainted me, that their fears are rather increased, I have thought proper to assure you, that I have no intention to prevent the free Egress and Regress of any Person to and from the Town, or of reducing it to the State of a Garrison, neither shall I suffer any under my command to injure the Person or Property of any of his Majestys Subjects — But as it is my duty, so it shall be my endeavor to preserve the peace, and to promote the happiness of every Individual; and I earnestly recommend to you, and every Inhabitant, to cultivate the same spirit — and heartily wish they may live quietly and happily in the Town.

THOMAS GAGE

Boston September 9, 1774

To the Gentlemen Selectmen of the Town of Boston.

[**60.**] Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen, Sepr. 14, 1774 Present Messrs. Newell, Hancock, Austin, Wendell, Pitts.

Passed upon several Accounts.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen, Septem^{r}. 19, 1774. Present Messrs. Scollay, Hancock, Newell, Marshall, Austin.

A Precept having been received for the choice of Representatives for the General Court to be held on Wednesday the 5^{t}. Day of October.

Voted, that the Clerk be directed to issue his Warranty for

a Town Meeting to be held on Wednesday 21′ Day of Sepr. next.

Voted, that Messrs. Scollay & Austin a Comm^{ee}. to wait upon D^{r}. Mather to open the Meeting with Prayer.

M^{r}. Greenleaff had the printing of the Notifications.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen, Sepr. 21, 1774. Present Messrs. Scollay, Hancock, Newell, Marshall, Austin, Wendell, Pitts.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Septem^{r}. 24, 1774. Present Messrs. Scollay, Hancock, Newell, Marshall, Austin, Wendell.

The Committee of Correspondence were present, and a joint Vote agreed upon to be sent the Contractors for erecting Barracks.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen, Septem^{r}. 26, 1774. Present Messrs. Scollay, Hancock, Newell, Marshall, Wendell, Pitts.

The Committee of Correspondence being Join'd in a Comm^{ee}. of the Selectmen, a Motion was made, & the Question put, Viz^{t}. Whether this Joint-Committee adhere to their Vote of the 24th. Ins^{t}. respecting the Building Barracks &^{c}. passed in the Affirmative unanimously.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen, Sepr. 27, 1774. Present Mess. Scollay, Hancock, Marshall, Pitts.

The Committee of Correspondence, present.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen, Septem^{r}. 27, 1774. P.M. Messrs Scollay, Newell, Hancock, Marshall, Austin, Pitts.

The Committees of several Towns met at Faneuil Hall.

[61.] Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Sepr. 28, 1774 Present Messrs Hancock, Marshall, Pitts.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Octr 5, 1774. Present, Messrs. Scollay, Newell, Marshall, Pitts.

Ordered, that the Assize of Bread be set at Wheat at 6/4 p. bushel and that 6^{d}. p. Bushel be allowed to the Bakers for their Charges pains & livelihood, which is computed as follows — Viz^{t}.

	lbs.
a 4. Loaf of Brown Bread $\frac{3}{4}$ Wheat $\frac{1}{4}$ Rye or Indian Meal - - - - - - - - -	2– 4–
a 4^{d}. ditto $\frac{1}{2}$ Indian & $\frac{1}{2}$ Rye - - - - - -	3– 6–
Bisket of a Copper price - - - - - -	"

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen, Octr. 8, 1774. Present Messrs. Scollay, Hancock, Newell, Marshall, Austin, Wendell.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen, Octo^{r}. 11, (12th. in margin) 1774. Present Messrs. Scollay, Austin.

Boston Ss: At a meeting of the Selectmen Octo^{r}. 18, 1774. Present Messrs. Scollay, Newell, Austin, Wendell, Pitts.

Voted, that the Perambulation of the Line betwixt Roxbury and this Town on Thursday next 10. O Clock Before Noon, and that a Letter be wrote to the Selectmen as usual, and a Dinner provided at M^{r}. Greatons of Roxbury. D^{r}. Eliot, Cooper, M^{r}. Adams & Gorden to be invited. Paper on file

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen, Octo^{r} 19, 1774 Present Mess^{r}. Scollay, Marshall, Wendell, Pitts.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen, Octo^{r}. 26, 1774. Present, Messrs. Scollay, Newell, Marshall, Austin, Wendell, Pitts.

Ordered, that the Assize of Bread be set at Wheat 6/8 p. bush; & that 6^{d}. p. bush. be allowed to the Bakers for their charges Pains & Livelihood which is computed as follows — Viz^{t}.

	lb.	oz.
A 4^{d}. Loaf brown Bread $\frac{3}{4}$ Wheat $\frac{1}{4}$ Rye meal or Indian, must weigh - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - -	2	4
a 4^{d}. ditto $\frac{1}{2}$ Indian & $\frac{1}{2}$ Rye Meal must weigh - -	3	6
Bisket of a Copper price - - - - - - - - - - - -		

[**62.**] Samuel Franklyne Master of Engine N. 9, applys to the Selectmen for the premium allowed by the Town for bringing their Engine to play first at the Fire which broke out in a Barn of Maj^{r}. Cunningham last week. drawn for.

Voted, that he have for his Premium accordingly.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen, Octo^{r}. 31, 1774, A. M. Present Messrs. Scollay, Newell, Marshall, Wendell, Pitts.

The Selectmen being informed by M^{r}. Hartley that Capt. Hood in the Ship Lydia, with the Small Pox on board, which arriv'd a few Days ago at Salem from London, ordered to the Province Hospital by the Selectmen of Salem, & on his Way was stopt by a Man of War in Nantasket — whereupon two of the Selectmen vizt. M^{r}. Scollay & M^{r}. Newell, waited upon Admiral Graves to acquaint him with all circumstances when the Admiral reply'd that he should pursue the Acts of Parliament, and if the Vessel did not leave the Harbour in six hours she would be seized, as he had given orders to a Captain of one of the Men of War for that purpose — Capt. Hood has lost three of his People by the Small Pox, and four are now under the Distemper.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Octo. 31. 1774 P.M. Present Mess. Scollay, Newell, Marshall, Wendell, Pitts.

A number of Persons examined as to the Fray last Satturday Evening, between two officers & some of the Inhabitants.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen, Novr. 2^{d}. 1774 Present Messrs. Scollay, Newell, Marshall, Austin, Wendell, Pitts.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen, Novr. 9, 1774 Present Messrs. Newell, Austin, Wendell, Pitts.

M^r^. John Jackson Sugar Baker at M^r^. Cushings applys to be one of the additional Watch.

[**63.**] On the 2^d^. of November Instant Complaint was made to the Selectmen by M^r^. Pierce impowered to carry out Strangers that he had employ'd Constable Bennet to carry out of the Town one Daniel Wiswall his Wife and Family to Charlestown where they belong, having been first legally warned — that M^r^. Bennet had carried them to Charlestown and was delivering them to the authority there, when they were rescued out of his hands by a Sergeant, & nine Men by order of Coll^o^. Walcot, — Deacon Newell and M^r^. Austin waited on the Governor concerning this matter his Excellency shewed much surprise at the Coll^o^. conduct sent for him and reprimanded him for interfering.

Rev^d^. M^r^. Burch Chaplain of the 4. Regiment — applyd to the Selectmen for liberty to preach in Faneuil Hall to his Regiment, on the Sabbath Forenoon. Liberty was granted, so long as no inconveniences attended.

mem^o^. reconsidered the above Vote.

M^r^. Paul Farmer was desired to bury one Foss a *a* (*sic*) poor Stranger at the Province expence she not having left sufficient for the same.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen, Novr. 10, 1774. Present Messrs. Scollay, Newell, Marshall, Austin.

Voted, that the Perambulation betwixt Roxbury & Boston be on the Monday, & that their Selectmen be notified accordingly. The Gentlemen of the late Congress to be invited.

Voted to reconsider the Vote passed as above, and that the Town Clerk hand in to the Rev^d^. M^r^. Burch the following Vote — Viz^t^.

The Rev^d^. M^r^. Burch Chaplain of the 4th. Regiment having applied to the Selectmen for liberty to preach in Faneuil Hall to his Regiment the Forenoon of each Sabbath, the Selectmen took the application into consideration; but apprehending some difficulties & disorders might be the consequence of Faneuil Halls being made [**64.**] Use of by the Troops, at this time, and that offence might be taken by some respectable Inhabitants who had been refused on a like application; they hope M^r^. Burch will excuse their withholding their consent, more especially as they apprehend no difficultie will be in the way of his being acommodated with either of the Churches in this Town on such an occasion.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen, Novr. 15, 1774 Present Messrs. Scollay, Newell, Marshall, Austin, Pitts.

The Constables of the several Watches were sent for, when the Selectmen directed them to suspend for the present, challenging Persons while on duty, and to put the Laws in execution which are enacted for their Government.

Boston Ss: At a meeting of the Selectmen, Novem^r^. 16, 1774 Present Mess^r^. Scollay, Newell, Marshall, Austin.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen, Novr. 21, 1774. Present Messrs. Scollay, Newell, Marshall, Austin.

Information given the Selectmen, that the Small Pox has broken out in a House near the Corn Fields occupied by a Sergeant of Coll^{o}. Hammeltons Regiment, and that five of his Children are now under the Distemper.

Dr. Jarvis was sent for, and attended, when the Selectmen desired him to go to the House, and examine the Children, and then make Report of their Circumstances.

D^{r}. Jarvis Returned and Reported, that he had been at the House and by enquiry thinks there is no doubt of the Childrens having the Small-Pox.

M^{r}. Scollay & M^{r}. Newell a Committee to wait upon the Governor, with information of this event, and to settle with him, respecting the charge of their removal &^{c}. & to motion an examination of the several Barracks.

[**65.**] Committee returned and Reported, that the Governor had given orders for an examination of the several Barracks and that a Return would be made immediately.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen, Novr. 22^{d}. 1774 A.M. Present Messrs. Scollay, Newell, Marshall, Austin, Pitts.

The five Children with the Small Pox in the House of one Magraw a Soldier of the 59′ Regiment Coll^{o}. Hammelton were removed this morning to the Hospital at *at* (*sic*) New Boston under the care of M^{r}. Dorrington, the Parents of the Children consenting to the same.

Voted, that D^{r}. Jarvis have the care of the Children as their Physician.

The Mother of three of the Small Pox Children, and the Father of two of them, were permitted to go into the Hospital, to attend their Children.

Agreed with M^{r}. Joseph Vose to supply the Hospital with Mutton for three Weeks, at 3 Coppers p. pound.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen, Novem^{r}. 22^{d}. 1774. P.M. Present Messrs. Scollay, Marshall, Austin, Pitts.

M^{r}. Barret was directed to smoke and cleanse the Things at the House the Children with the Small Pox were removed from, also the Rooms the Children had been kept in, — and a Guard was provided to prevent the Soldiers going into the Infected Rooms.

The following are the Orders given M^{r}. Dorrington Keeper of the Hospital at New Boston— Viz^{t}.

Boston, Novem^{r}. 22^{d}. 1774

M^{r}. William Dorrington

Having sent to the Hospital committed to your care and keeping, several children with the Small Pox — Our Orders are that you carefully attend your duty, and prevent any Persons from coming in and going out of your House, unless they have our [**66.**] Permission.

We have directed Mr. Barret to supply the Sick with necessaries, and Dr. Jarvis who we have appointed their Physician will acquaint Mr. Barrett with the things he or you may have occasion for, which will then be brought to you by him.

We hope you will conduct in such a manner as to give satisfaction to the Sick and their Friends, at the same time that you guard against needless expences.

By Order of the Selectmen
WILLIAM COOPER Town Clerk

The following are the Orders given Mr. Barrett Vizt.

Boston Novemr. 22d. 1774

Mr. William Barrett

Having sent several Children to the Hospital at New Boston who have the Small Pox — Our Orders are that you furnish Mr. Dorrington who is the Keeper of the House, with fresh Provisions and Necessaries they may have occasion for, and with every Article Dr. Jarvis shall direct you to procure — Mr. Joseph Vose will supply you with Mutton, Mr. Procter with Groceries Mr. Callender with Bread; and what else you may procure, you must keep an Account of in a small Book for our Inspection. You must Smoke and cleanse the Rooms of the House the Sick were taken from well with Rossom and Brimstone, and the Bedding and other things to prevent the Infection being communicated and if you should observe that the Guard permits any Person going in without our permission, give us immediate notice there of, you must do the same if you should perceive any unfaithfulness in the Guard placed at the Hospital, or in any of the People at that [**67.**] House. We depend upon your care and fidelity, that our endeavors to prevent the spread of the Small Pox, may by the favor of Providence be succeeded.

By Order of the Selectmen,
WILLIAM COOPER Town Clerk

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen, Novr. 23d. 1774. Present Messrs. Scollay, Newell, Marshall, Austin, Pitts.

The Assessors attended, and acquainted the Selectmen that the Books were ready, for the Collectors, and will be delivered when they produce their Certificates of having complyed with the Law and the order of the Town respecting the Collecting the Taxes.

The Selectmen agreed with Mrs. Catharine Foster whose Husband is at Sea, that she shall have Six pounds lawful Mony p. Annum to be paid quarterly to commence from the 1st. of July last, for keeping & supporting one Christopher Harrow a blind young Man not an Inhabitant of any Town in this Province, and who has not where with all to provide for himself. Mr. Austin was desired to supply Mrs. Foster with what Articles she might want, as it is not convenient to draw upon the Province, at this time —

Deacon Newell appointed to receive from John Rowe Esq. all the Lamps and Tin Plates which he has in his hands, and to deposite the same in the upper loft of Faneuil Hall.

Dr. Latham attended, and informed the Selectmen that a

Soldier of the Main Guard House of the 59th. Regiment is broke out with the Small Pox —

The Soldiers by the consent of the Major of the 59 Regiment was sent to the Hospital at New Boston —

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen — 26' Messrs. Scollay, Newell, Austin, Wendell, Pitts.

[**68.**] By direction of the Selectmen the following Advertisement was published in the several News Papers.

ADVERTISEMENT.

As the appearance of the Small Pox in this Town has given rise to various Reports; the publick are hereby informed that last Monday Night the Selectmen were acquainted by a Surgeon of the Army, that five Children in a House occupied by a Soldier of the 59th. Regiment, were seized with that Disorder, all of whom were sent early the next morning to the Hospital at New Boston, as was a Soldier of the same Regiment the Day following — These are the only Persons in Town who have the Infection, and are all in a fair way of recovery. Upon a strict enquiry made thro' the Regiments, by order of the Governor, no one has been found among them that appears to have even the Symptons of that Distemper; the rumor that some Soldiers or their Children were to be innoculated is without foundation; such a measure having been forbid on pain of his Excellencies highest displeasure. It is supposed this disease was taken from a child brought from New York in one of the Transports, which died a fortnight ago; And the Publick may be assured that the greatest care has been taken to prevent a communication of the Infection.

By Order of the Selectmen

WILLIAM COOPER, Town Clerk.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen, Novr. 30' 1774. Present Messrs. Scollay, Newell, Marshall, Austin, Wendell, Pitts.

Ordered, that the Assize of Bread be set at Wheat at 6/6 p. bush. and that 6d. p. bushel be allowed to the Bakers for their Charges Pains and Livelihood, which is computed as follows, Vizt.

	lb.	oz.	dr.
a 4d. Loaf of brown Bread ¾ Wheat ¼ Rye or Indian Meal must weigh - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - -	2	4	–
a 4d. ditto — ½ Indian & ½ Rye Meal must weigh - -	3	0	
Bisket of a Copper price - - - - - - - - - - - -		4	6

Mr. Paul Farmer Keeper of the Almshouse [**69.**] Was directed to receive into the Almshouse upon the Province Account two Children Strangers, who have none to take care of them, there Names are John & Mary Nicholson — Order signed by Mr. Scollay & Collr. Marshall Selectmen.

The Constables of the Watch attended, when the following directions were given to each of them — Vizt.

Boston Nov. 30. 1774.

Mr. John Martin,

As the present state of the Town by means of a great number of Troops being quarter'd therein is such as to require the greatest care & fidelity from those who have the safety of the Inhabitants more immediately committed to them in the Night, Our Orders to you are that you set your Watch at 9. O'Clock each Night during the Winter season, and constantly Patrole your Ward till 12. O'Clock and the remainder of the Night as usual in order to prevent or suppress all kind of disorders; you must omit challenging for the present and make the Laws enacted for the regulation of the Watch the rule of your conduct, and if any thing should happen out of the common way let the Selectmen be informed of it as soon as may be.

By Order of the Selectmen,
WILLIAM COOPER, Town Clerk

Boston Ss: At a Meeting &c. December 5. 1774, Present.

Mr. Hartley informed the Selectmen that on the the last Satturday Night the Schooner ——— Capt. Bosworth came to Rainsfords Island being sent there by the Selectmen of the Town of Marblehead where She arrived on Fryday from Baltimore — having a Man on board sick of the Small Pox — that the Man of War Boats boarded the Schooner when She came within the Light-house and obliged them on the [**70.**] Peril of being seized to land the Sick Man at One O'Clock in the morning altho' a Stormy Rainy Season, and he very bad with the Distemper — the Selectmen desired Dr. Jarvis to visit the Man at the Island which he did, and returned in the Afternoon and Reported that he was not like to live.

Dr. Jarvis informed the Selectmen that a Child at Magrath in Marshalls Lane, the Soldiers House where the other Children were sent from had undoubted Symptoms of the Small Pox — upon which the Child was carried to the Hospital at New Boston by its Father.

Collr. Hammelton informed the Selectmen that a Soldier of his Regiment being the 59th. was broke out with the Small Pox at the Barracks near the Bunch of Grapes where one had been removed from last Week, he was immediately removed to the Hospital at New Boston which was done by consent.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen, Novr. 27, 1774 A.M. Present Messrs. Newell, Marshall, Austin, Wendell, Pitts.

Mr. Bigsby informs that one Warren in a Building against Dr. Coopers Meeting House has it is supposed, the Symtoms of the Small Pox — whereupon Dr. Jarvis was directed to examine into this matter and make Report to the Selectmen.

The Doctor soon after Reported, that he was of opinion that the Person above mentioned had not the Small Pox.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen, Novr. 27, 1774 P. M. (7th in margin, probably the true date is December 7,) Present Messrs. Scollay, Newell, Wendell, Pitts.

Yesterday information was given that a Child at Mrs. Megros in Marshalls Lane of Lieut. Woodwards was taken with the Small

Pox — whereupon it was moved that Evening to the Hospital at New Boston.

This Day information was given by Dr. Hill Surgeon of the 59th Regiment that a Child belonging to that Regiment in a Barrack at Doans Wharff was broke out with the Small pox upon which Dr. Jarvis was directed to examine into the [71.] Circumstances of said Child.

Dr. Jarvis soon after Reported, that he was of opinion that the Child had no the Small Pox.

The following Advertisement was sent to the Printers for Publication — Vizt.

The Publick are here by informed that the Soldier and five Children sent to the Hospital at New Boston under the care of Dr. Jarvis as mentioned in a former Advertisement are all recovered; that yesterday two Children from the House the former Children were taken from, and a Soldier of the 59th Regiment at the Barracks near the Bunch of Grapes who took the Distemper from the same Family were sent to said Hospital — After strict enquiry these are all the Persons who have the Small Pox in this Town —

By Order of the Selectmen

WILLIAM COOPER, Town Clerk.

Boston, Decemr. 7. 1774

Voted, that the Clerk have a draft for Twenty six Pounds thirteen Shillings & 4d. to be drawn for the Draught now open.

Mr. Elias Robinson being appointed Master of Engine No. 3. kept near mr. Mathers Meeting House, who is allowed thirteen Men besides himself — Orders were given him dated December 1– as p. Copy on file.

Voted, at a Meeting of the Selectmen in Novemr. that Elias Robinson Master of Engine N. 3– have a draught on the Treasurer for 13/4 being the Premium allowed by the Town for bringing his Engine to work first on the Fire which lately broke out at Mr. Millikens House North End for which he had a draught in November last in favor of himself and Company.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen, Decemr. 12– 1774. Present Messrs. Scollay, Newell, Marshall, & Pitts.

Dr. Jarvis who has the care of the Hospital at West Boston haveg. reported to the Selectmen that three of the Children sent there with the Small Pox vizt two of one Burkins, and one of Magrath [72.] Are now recovered, and that in his Opinion they might be permitted to leave the Hospital with safety to the Inhabitants. Orders were accordingly given to Mr. William Darrington Keeper of said Hospital to permit their leaving it so soon as he had well smoked and cleansed them, and fresh Suits of Clothing were provided for them.

Yesterday the following Advertisement was sent to the Printers of the Monday Papers.

The Publick are here by informed, that since our last advertisement another soldier of the 59th Regiment and a young Child with the Small Pox, have been sent from the barracks on Doans Wharff

to the Hospital at New Boston; where due care is taken to prevent a communication of the Infection.

By Order of the Selectmen
WILLIAM COOPER Town Clerk.

Boston December 11.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Decr. 17, 1774. A. Present, Mess. Scollay, Marshall, Newell.

Dr. Jarvis having Reported to the Selectmen that a number of Persons at the Hospital at New Boston were recovered of the Small Pox, and might now leave the Hospital without danger to the Inhabitants — Orders were given M^{r}. Darrington the Keeper of said House, to permit those Persons to depart, taking care that they be sufficiently smoked and cleansed; and that a fresh shift of Clothes be provided for each.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Decem^{r}. 17. 1774. P.M. Present, Messrs. Marshall, Austin, Wendell, Pitts.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Decr. 17, 1774. Evening. Present, Messrs Scollay, Hancock, Newell, Marshall, Austin, Pitts.

Information being given by Dr. Latham that the Small Pox was broke out in Dr. Hills House in Hanover Street, and at Capt Trigs opposite the White Horse South End — Dr. Jarvis was directed to examine into the Circumstances of these Families & Report their state.

[**73.**] Dr. Jarvis Reported, that he had visited these Familys, & found that Dr. Hills Wife & three Children were nearly passed thro' the Small Pox and that several of Capt Trigs Children had the Disorder — but that neither the Capt nor D^{r}. would own that they had received the Infection by Inoculation.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen, Decr. 18, 1774. Sabbath Evening Present Mess. Scollay, Hancock, Newell, Marshall, Austin, Pitts.

The following Advertisement was sent the several Printers of the Mondays News Paper for publication — Viz^{t}.

The Publick are here by informed that there are now but three People in the Hospital at New Boston infected with the Small Pox who will probably be dismissed from thence this Week; that on Satturday information was given that the Wife of M^{r}. Hill Surgeon of the 59 Regiment & three of their Children in a House in Hanover Street near the head of Cold Lane, also two Children of Lieu^{t}. Clarkes of said Regiment, under the same Roof have the Distemper; together with three Children of Capt. Trigs of the 59 Regiment in a House down a yard opposite the White-Horse South end — As it has been suggested that the above Children received the Infection by Inoculation, the Inhabitants may be assured that such measures will be pursued with the Delinquents for the present and future safety of the Town and Country as the Laws of the Land require.

By Order of the Selectmen
WILLIAM COOPER, Town Clerk.

Boston, Decm^{r}. 18. 1774

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen, Decem^{r}. 19. 1774. Present Mess. Scollay, Hancock, Newell, Austin, Pitts.

Information given, that the Small Pox is in a House of Capt. Finwicks in the Common;— Dr. Javis was sent there and on his return Reported, that the Small Pox was not in said House.

The Selectmen deliberated on the expediency [**74.**] of removing the Perons infected, from Capt. Clarkes in Hanover Street and Capt. Trigs House opposite the White Horse who refused their consent for a removal, and considering the doubtfulness of the Law as to impowering the Selectmen to remove any Person contrary to their consent — therefore Voted that Fences be put up in the Street near the Infected Houses, and that a Flag be hung out in each House to give notice of the Distemper.

Voted, that Messrs. Scollay, and Austin be a Committee to see the above Vote carried into execution.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen, Decem^{r}. 21, 1774. Present Messrs. Newell, Marshall, Austin, Pitts.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen, Decr. 27, 1774. Present Mess. Scollay, Hancock, Marshall, Austin.

The Clerk was directed to issue his Warrants and Notifications of the adjournments of the May Meeting and Port Bill Meeting, as by Vote of the Town last Monday being 26th Ins^{t}.

M^{r}. Isaiah Thomas had the printing of the last Notifications.

The following Advertisement was sent to the Printers of the Mondays Papers for publication — Viz.

The Publick may be assured that the Small Pox in this Town, is confined to two Families vizt. Capt. Trigs opposite the White Horse & Lieut. Clarkes in Hanover Street — those who were sick of that Disorder at D^{r}. Hills & the Hospital being recovered; proper care has been taken to cleanse D^{r}. Hills House, & Guards are continued at these Places not yet clear of the Infection. No Inhabitant has hitherto taken the Distemper, & by the care of his Excellency the Governor a Transport is provided for the reception of any Persons [**75.**] Belonging to the Army who should hereafter appear to have the Symptoms of that Disorder —

By Order of the Selectmen

William Cooper Town Clerk

Boston Decem^{r}. 26, 1774

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Seclectmen, Decem^{r}. 27, 1774. Present Messrs. Scollay, Marshall.

Information was given Yesterday by D^{r}. Jarvis that a Maid Servant in Lieu^{t}. Clarkes House in Hannover where the Small Pox has been for sometime past, was broke out with the Small Pox; She was by consent of the master and the Order of Coll^{o}. Hammilton put on board the Hospital Ship in the Harbour.

D^{r}. Jarvis informed that Davis M^{c}. Granes & Jacksons Children were well & might leave the Hospital with safety to the Inhabitants — Orders were given for that purpose to M^{r}. Darrington Keeper of said Hospital.

One George Baldwin a Soldier sent to the Hospital from the Barracks in King Street, died on the 13. Ins^{t}. when M^{rs}. Barrett had orders to bury him in the Night, carrying his Corps over the Hill to the Burying Ground at the bottom of the Common.

D^{r}. Jarvis having Reported that Bryan Daily belonging to 59th Regiment M^{rs}. Jackson & her Child & M^{rs}. Magraws Child are wholly free from the Small Pox. Orders were given M^{r}. Darrington that after having smoked & cleansed them, they might leave the Hospital provided they had each a fresh suit of Clothes to go out with — which Orders were signed by M^{rs}. Scollay & Coll^{o}. Marshall.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen, Decem^{r}. 28. 1774. Present Messrs. Scollay, Marshall, Austin.

Gave M^{r}. Longly an Order on M^{r}. Hartley Keeper of the Hospital at Rainsford Island for her Husband that [**76.**] the Husband having died of the Small Pox in the Vessel the clothes were sent from.

Capt. Franklyn applys for the Premium allowed by the Town for bringing their Engine to work first on the Fire which lately broke out in Gibbins Court. drawn for.

Josiah Collins appointed one of the New Boston Watch & Nathaniel Cushing one of the Town House Watch.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen, Decr. 29. 1774 Present Mess. Scollay, Marshall, Austin, Pitts, Newell.

It being Reported to the Selectmen that those Persons who have had the Small Pox at D^{r}. Hills and M^{r}. Clarkes House in Hanover Street and Capt. Trigs opposite the White Horse are quite well of the Small Pox, and that those Houses are sufficiently smoked and cleansed.

Voted, that the Fences lately Erected for stopping the Passage Way by these Houses be now taken down.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen, Jany. 3, 1775. Present Messrs. Scollay, Marshall, Austin, Pitts.

Ordered, that the Assize of Wheat be set at Wheat 6/6 p bushel and that 6^{d}. p. bushel be allowed to the Bakers for their Charges, Pains & Livelihood which is computed as follows —Viz^{t}.

	lb.	oz.	dr.
a 4^{d}. Loaf of Brown Bread $\frac{3}{4}$ Wheat $\frac{1}{4}$ Rye or Indian Meal must weigh - - - - - - - - - - - - -	2	–	4
a 4^{d}. ditto $\frac{1}{2}$ Indian & $\frac{1}{2}$ Rye Meal must weigh - -	3	–	0
Bisket of a Copper price - - - - - - - - - - -		4	– 5

The following Advertisement was sent to the Printers for a publication in the Mondays Papers — Viz.

The Selectmen have now the pleasure to assure the Publick that after the strictest enquiry no Person has the Small Pox in this Town, or even the Symptoms of that Distemper, and that the Houses which have been infected are so well cleansed that the

Inhabitants may now pass them without the least apprehension of danger.

By Order of the Selectmen
WILLIAM COOPER Town Clerk.

Boston Jany. 2. 1775.

[77.] Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen, Jany. 4', 1775 Present Mess. Scollay, Hancock, Marshall, Austin, Pitts.

Information having been given that the Hospital at New Boston is now sufficiently smoked & cleansed M^{r}. Will. Darrington the Keeper had leave for himself & Family to go abroad as usual & Orders were given him accordingly.

The following advertisement was sent the Printers of the Spy for publication -- Viz^{t}.

The Publick are hereby informed that this Town is now entirely free from the Infection of the Small Pox, and that this will be the last Advertisement on the occasion unless that Distemper should again make its appearance among us, in which case our Brethren in the Country, may be assured of receiving timely information.

By Order of the Selectmen
WILLIAM COOPER Town Clerk

Boston Jany. 4. 1775.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Jany. 11. 1775. Present Mess. Hancock, Marshall, Austin, Wendell, Pitts.

Information was given the Selectmen by D^{r}. Pecker that a Lad of one Kings a Rigger at the North End, was taken with the Small Pox, whereupon D^{r}. Jarvis was directed to view the Lad who having Reported it to be the Small Pox, — he was with the consent of his Uncle M^{r}. King removed to the Hospital at New Boston; and the Mother of the Boy was permitted to go there in order to look after him.

The following advertisement was sent to the Printer of the Spy for a place in that Paper — vizt. —

The Publick are hereby informed that Yesterday a Boy in the Family of M^{r}. King living near Tylers Ship Yard, at the North part of the Town, was taken with the Small Pox; the Lad was immediately removed to the Hospital at New Boston, and is the only Person who has the Distemper in this Town.

By Order of the Selectmen
WILLIAM COOPER Town Clerk

Boston Jany. 5. 1775.

[78.] The following Advertisement was sent to M^{r}. Thomas for a place in their Paper — vizt. —

Complaints have been made to the Selectmen that numbers of the Inhabitants have been greatly disturbed by the driving of Slays thro' the Town, with the beat of Drums & other noises, at unseasonable Times of the Night; To prevent such Disorders for the future, Orders have been given the Constables of the Town

Watch to stop such offenders and make Report of their Names, that they may be dealt with as the Law directs.

By Order of the Selectmen
WILLIAM COOPER Town Clerk

Boston Jany. 11. 1775.

The following Orders were sent to the Constables of the Town Watch — Viz^t. —

Boston Jany. 11. 1775.

Complaint having been made to the Selectmen that the Inhabitants have been disturbed by the driving of Slays thro' the Town, with beat of Drum & other Noises at unseasonable times of the Night, you are therefore directed to endeavor to prevent such disorders for the future, by stopping such Offenders, and Reporting to the Selectmen their Names, that such Persons may be proceeded with as the Law directs.

By Order of the Selectmen
WILLIAM COOPER Town Clerk.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen, Jany. 18, 1775. Present Messrs. Scollay, Marshall, Austin, Wendell, Pitts.

M^r. Paul Farmer was directed to receive into the Almshouse on the Province Account one William Hinks a sick Stranger — Order signed by M^r. Scollay & M^r. Austin.

M^r. George Roulston admitted to the care of the Old & Common Burying Ground in the room of M^r. Carter deceased.

[**79.**] The following Advertisement was sent to M^r. Thomas for publishing,

The Publick are hereby informed that a Boy taken Yesterday with the Small Pox in the Barracks on Doans Wharff was immediately removed to the Hospital Ship in the Harbour.

By Order of the Selectmen.
WILLIAM COOPER Town Clerk.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen, Jan^y, 21, 1775, A.M. Present Messrs. Scollay, Hancock, Marshall, Austin, Wendell, Pitts.

M^r. Burdick & other Constables of the Watch, appeared and complained to the Selectmen of great abuses received from a number of officers of the Army, the last Night.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen, Jany. 21, 1775, P.M. Present Messrs. Scollay, Hancock, Marshall, Austin, Wendell, Pitts.

M^r. Isaac Pierce, M^r. Joseph Henderson & M^r. Robert Peck & M^r. Constable Burdick gave in their Depositions.

D^r. Jarvis informed that a young Woman & a Child at a House the head of Cross Street, occupied by a Sergeant of the 59 Reg^t. was taken with the Small Pox.

D^r. Jarvis having Reported that M^rs. King in the Hospital at New Boston who was there to Nurse a Child is now free from Infection, & might leave the Hospital with safety.

Voted, that she have liberty to depart and that the Keeper of the Hospital be advised accordingly.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen, Jany. 22^{d}. 1775. Present Messrs. Scollay, Hancock, Marshall, Austin, Wendell, Pitts.

The Young Woman & Child taken Yesterday with the Small Pox were this Day carried on board the Hospital Ship in the Harbour.

M^{r}. Barrett informs that a young Woman at the Hospital at New Boston was dead of the Small Pox where upon Orders were given M^{r}. Barret, for the burial.

[**80.**] The following Advertisement was sent to the Printers of the Mondays Papers, — Viz^{t}.

The Publick are hereby informed that a young Woman & a Child at the House of a Sergeant of the 59th. Regiment, at the head of Cross Street, were Yesterday taken with the Small Pox, and soon after sent to the Hospital Ship in the Harbour; upon a strict enquiry, no Person has this Distemper in Town.

By Order of the Selectmen,

WILLIAM COOPER Town Clerk.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen, Jany. 24, 1775. Present Mess. Scollay, Newell, Marshall, Austin, Pitts.

M^{rs}. McIntosh informs that one John McIntosh at M^{r}. John McFaddens House near the White Horse was taken with the Small Pox & the mother consenting, M^{r}. Barrett was directed to move the Person this Night.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen, Jany. 25, 1775. Present Messrs. Scollay, Newell, Marshall, Austin, Wendell.

Benj^{e}. Austin Esq. complains of a chimney in a House occupied by John Vintenon in Sudbury Street whereupon Maj^{r}. Dows, & William Moore, were appointed to examine into the Chimnies & make Report thereof.

Ordered, that the Assize of Wheat be set at Wheat at 6/6 p. bushel and that 6^{d}. p. bushel be allowed to the Bakers for their Charges Pains & Livelihood, which is computed as follows: Viz^{t}.

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Bisket of a Copper price - - - - - - - - -			4 – – 6

Passed upon M^{r}. Paul Farmers Province Accounts amounting to £6. 413.8. & £46. .16.5½, — which were put into the hands of M^{r}. William Greenleaf, who has engaged it shall be presented to the Comm^{ll}. of the Charter Council and no other, for their acceptance.

The following Advertisement sent to the Printers [**81.**] of the Thursdays Papers.

The Publick are here by informed that a young Man at the House of Mr. John McFadden near the White House at the South part of the Town was taken with the Small Pox last Tuesday & that Night removed to the Hospital at New Boston; the only House in Town that is known to be infected with the Distemper.

By Order of the Selectmen,

WILLIAM COOPER Town Clerk.

Boston Jany. 26, 1775. See below Jany. 26.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen, Feby. 1, 1775. Present, Mess. Newell, Marshall, Austin, Wendell.

Obediah Curtis Master of Engine No. —— applys to the Selectmen for the Premium allowed by the Town for bringing their Engine to work first on the Fire which broke out at Collo. Jacksons Still house.

Voted that he have ye Premium of 13/4– by a Draught on the Treasurer.

John Lizard once a Sea Captain applied to the Selectmen for his being sent to the Hospital, having been wounded by a Centinel of the Army, his Story is as follows — Vizt. — taken in a writing.

Information being given the Selectmen that a child of one Jacksons a Dutchman living at the South End opposite the Lamb Tavern was taken with the Small Pox, he was immediately removed to the Hospital at New Boston.

Mr. Paul Farmer was directed to receive into the Almshouse on the Province accot. one John Lizard a poor Stranger who has been wounded by a Soldier, the order signed by Mr. Newell and Mr. Austin.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen, Jany. 26, 1775. Present Mess. Scollay, Hancock, Marshall, Austin, Wendell.

Information being given that the Small Pox was at the House of one Bartlet a Taylor opposite to Dr. Church. Enquiry was made by Collo. Hancock, & Mr. Wendell, when it appeared that a young Man named Warland had the Distemper & [82.] Was not in circumstances to be removed, whereupon Orders were given to Fence up the Street and to put out a Flag for the information of Passengers.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Feby. 3d. 1775. Present Messrs. Scollay, Newell, Marshall, Austin.

The Committee of Correspondence having laid before the Selectmen a Letter just received from Marblehead by Mr. Wells one of the Selectmen of that Town, informing of 5 Persons being pressed from Capt. Thompson, a Vessel from Virginia with Donations, & others out of a Wood Vessel. Deacon Newell, Mr. Austin & Collo. Marshall were appoin[ted] to wait on the Governor, & Represent the matter — they returned that the Governor would let them hear from him as soon as possible.

Deacon Newell having received some time past of Mrs. Brookers Donation — the following Sums — Vizt.

Of Joseph Athertons Interest	£ 12–
of Mr. Wiswall	12–
of Thomas Cartwright	3–12–
of Samuel Stearns	4–17–6
	31–8–7

The above was distributed as follows — Vizt. —

Mrs. Walker	1 " 4	
Mrs. Emmons	18	
Widow Bass	1 " 4	
Widow Ray	18	
		Mr. Scollay to distribute.
Widow Lee	1 " 4	
		Mr. Pitts - do.
Mrs. Hutter	18	
Mrs. Lebland	2 " 8	
Mrs. Wendell	18	
Mrs. Randall	18	
Mrs. Clark	18	
Mary Fago	18	- - Mr. Pitts
Mrs. Welch	18	Mr. Wendell
Nurse Gibbins	18	
Mrs. Pearin	2 " 2	
Mrs. Hawkins	18	
		Mr. Austin
[83.] Mrs. Delaplace	18	
Mrs. Fowle	18	
		Coll. Marshall
Joanna Stone	£. 1 " 16	
Widow Capen	18	
Mr. Pierpoints Nurse	6 " 8	
Sarah Greenwood	1 " 4	
Elizabeth Smith	1 " 4	
Mary McCarty	1 " 4	
Elizabeth Barber	1 " 4	
Widow Gleis	12	
Widow Russell	18	
Joanna Stone	12	
Widow Wakefield	1 " 4	
Mrs. Barber	12	
Widow Chappel	1 " 4	
Widow Weymouth	12	
		£. 32–8–8–

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen, Febry. 8. 1775. Present Messrs. Newell, Marshall, Austin.

The following Advertisement was sent for a place in the Thursdays Papers —

The Publick may be assured, that after strict enquiry no Person is found to have the Small Pox in this Town; and that proper care will be taken to prevent a communication of the Infection from the

Hospital at New Boston, and the House at the head of Pond Street from whence the Young man mentioned in last Weeks Advertisement was lately buried.

By Order of the Selectmen
WILLIAM COOPER Town Clerk.

Boston Feby. 9, 1775.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen, Feby. 15, 1775, Present Messrs. Newell, Marshall, Austin.

The Selectmen, Justices & Overseers of the Poor, Agreed upon a Walk or Visitation of the Town —

D^{r}. Jeffries directed to attend two sick Strangers vizt. Thomas Lunderkin, & Michael Poor, Feby. 13′

[**84.**] The Selectmen have hired a Chamber of one Doren at the North End for the Sick Persons mentioned on the other side at £. 3 p. Week, he to find Beds & Bedding.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen, Feby. 22^{d}. 1775. Present Messrs. Scollay, Newell, Marshall, Austin, Pitts.

Ordered, that the Assize of Wheat be set at Wheat @ 6/6 p. bush, and that 6^{d}. p. bushel be allowed to the Bakers for their charges Pains and Livelihood which is computed as follows, vizt.

a 4^{d}. loaf brown Bread $\frac{3}{4}$ Wheat $\frac{1}{4}$ Rye or Indian Meal must weigh - - - - - - -	2– 4–
a 4^{d}. ditto $\frac{1}{2}$ Indian, & $\frac{1}{2}$ Indian Meal must weigh-	3
Bisket of a Copper price . - - - -	4–

Thomas Jackson Engine Man admitted in the room of Ebenezer Rance [?] gone to Sea, the Comp^{y}. late Capt. Frankland —

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen March 1, 1775. Present Mess^{s}. Austin.

Capt. Richard Hunniman appointed Master of Engine 9. in the Room of Capt. Franklyn dece^{d}. & the Clerk is directed to draw out Orders.

Michael Bryant being recommended by the Committee of Donations was admitted a Watchman of Constable Irelands Watch.

Passed upon Dr. Jeffries Province Account am^{g}. to £. 283–10/– he having engaged that he will not apply to the Mandamus Councillors.

M^{r}. Austin desired to furnish Cloth for the Oration the 5 of March.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen, March 8, 1775. Present Messrs. Hancock, Newell, Austin, Pitts.

Voted that M^{r}. Barret have a draft of £. —10— for extra services the Year past. as has been usual.

Voted, that the Town Clerk issue his Warrant for the Annual March Meeting.

[**85.**] Voted that ——— have the printing of the Notifications.

Voted, that Deacon Newell & M^{r}. Wendell be a Comm^{ee}. to

wait upon Dr. Cooper, and desire him to open the Town Meeting with Prayer.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen March 9, 1775. Present Messrs. Scollay, Newell, Hancock, Marshall, Austin, Wendell, Pitts.

The Selectmen met to examine into the affair of this Morning when a Countryman was tar'd & fethered and carried thro' the Streets of this Town by a large Party of Soldiers of the 47. Regiment headed by Collo. Nesbit.

Thomas Ditson of Bilrica, the Person Tar'd & Feathered was sent for.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen, March 11, 1775. Present Messr. Hancock, Newell, Marshall, Austin.

The Town Clerk was directed to Copy a Letter for the Selectmen of Bilrica.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen, March 11, 1775 Present Mess. Scollay, Newell, Hancock, Marshall, Wendell, Pitts.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen, March 14, 1775. Present Mess. Scollay, Newell, Austin, Marshall, Pitts, Wendell.

Dr. Jarvis informed that there was no Patients at the Hospital at New Boston — and that he apprehended The Keeper Mr. Dorrington & Family may now come out with safety to the Inhabitants.

Liberty was granted to leave the Hospital, all the Family being again smoked, & their Clothes Cleansed.

A number of the Selectmen of Bilrica, appeared & informed, of the steps they were taking relative to the taring & feathering one Ditson of their Town, which was done by the Soldiery.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen March 15, 1775. Present Messrs. Hancock, Austin.

[**86.**] Ordered, that the Assize of Bread be set at Wheat @ 6/6 p. bushel & that 6d. p. Bushel be allowed to the Bakers for their charges Pains & Livelihood, which is computed as follows — Vizt.

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Bisket of a Copper price - - - - - -	4–	6–	

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen, March 18 1775 Present Messrs. Scollay, Hancock, Newell, Marshall, Austin.

Information given by Dr. Jarvis of two young Women being broke out with the Small Pox at a House in Marshalls Lane & that in his opinion they might be removed with safety.

They were accordingly sent to the Hospital at New Boston.

Last Evening a Letter was received from the Selectmen of Middleborough, Plympton & Hallifax in the County of Plymouth inclosing a Representation to General Gage, relative to the ill behaviour of some of the Troops sent to Marshfield, which Address was this Morning presented his Excellency by M^r^. Scollay & Newell.

The following Advertisement sent to the Mondays Papers for publishing.

Boston March 18, 1775

The Publick are hereby informed, that Yesterday two Young Women living in a House in Marshalls Lane, at the North part of the Town were taken with the Small Pox & immediately removed to the Hospital at New Boston.

By Order of the Selectmen
WILLIAM COOPER. Town Clerk.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen, March 22^d^, 1775 Present Mess^r^. Scollay, Marshall, Austin, Wendell.

Information was given by D^r^. Gardner, that M^rs^. Moore being in a House known by the Name of the Lamb Tavern was taken with Small Pox, and not unwilling to be removed — whereupon she was yesterday carried to the Hospital at New Boston the Doctor giving his Opinion that it might be done with safety.

Information was this Day given by D^r^. Church that one Blake, a man living in a House near D^r^. Byles's Meeting house [**87.**] Was taken with the Small Pox, and being willing to be moved he was this Forenoon sent to the Hospital at New Boston.

M^r^. Ruggles apply'd to the Selectmen for liberty to open a Drain near his House in Long Lane — Liberty was granted, upon his preserving the steps of the Law [*or Lane*] in making good the Ground Pavement &c.

Capt. Sharp of Engine N°. 2. applies for the Premium allowed by the Town for bringing their Engine to work first at the Fire which lately broke out at M^r^. Kings House North End.

Voted, that he have a draft for 13/4 next Draft Day. Drawn for.

Passed upon M^r^. Samuel Hartleys Province Account amounting as by Copy on file, to £. 30–1–8.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen May 23^d^. [undoubtedly *March*] 1775 Present Messrs. Scollay, Newell, Marshall, Austin.

Information given by D^r^. Whitworth that M^r^. Samuel Vance a Lodger at the Royal Exchange Tavern in King Street was broke out with the Small Pox — D^r^. Jarvis being sent there confirmed the Report, that it was the Small Pox, & gave it as his Opinion that he might be moved with safety — he was accordingly removed to the Hospital at New Boston, with dispatch — M^r^. Vance being desirous of having D^r^. Whitworth as his Physician, it was consented to by the Selectmen provided he defrey'd the charge that would come — & D^r^. Whitworth was told he might attend, but must not look to the Selectmen for his pay, but to the Patient.—

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen, March 25, 1775 Present Mess^{s}. Scollay, Newell, Marshall.

The following advertisement sent to the Printers of the Boston Gazette.

Boston March 25, 1775–

The Publick are hereby informed, that on Thursday last a Lodger at the Royal Exchange Tavern was taken with the Small Pox & immediately sent to the Hospital at West Boston; three Children taken this Day at the Barracks in King Street, were removed to the Hospital Ship at the Island Wharff, which are the only Places known to be infected with that Distemper in this Town–

By Order of the Selectmen,

WILLIAM COOPER, Town Clerk.

[88.] Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen, March 27–1775. Present Messrs. Scollay, Newell, Austin, Wendell.

Information being given that the Small Pox was broke out at a House the head of Cross Street, occupied by M^{r}. Ranks, D^{r}. Jarvis was directed to go there and make examination but when he came was refused admittance — D^{r}. Lloyd his Family Doctor was sent for by M^{r}. Ranks, who Reported that the Wife of said Ranks had the Small Pox, and might be removed with safety. After some persuasion, M^{r}. Ranks consented to her being sent to the Hospital, but as soon as preparation was made for a removal, he withdrew his consent & would not allow of its being done.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen March 28, 1775. Present Messrs. Scollay, Newell, Marshall, Austin.

M^{r}. Ranks persisting in his resolution not to permit the removal of his Wife — Orders were given by the Selectmen for stopping up the Passage Ways by erecting Fences, and one Joseph Cobourn was appointed a Guard for said House.

Boston Ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen, March 29, 1775. Present Messrs. Scollay, Newell, Marshall, Austin, Wendell.

Ordered, that the Assize of Bread be set at Wheat at 6/ p. bushel and that 6^{d}. p. Bushel be allowed to the Bakers for their Charges, Pains & Livelihood, which is computed as follows — Viz^{t}.

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Bisket of a Copper price - - - - - - - - - - -		4 –	12

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen April 5, 1775. A.M. Present Messrs. Scollay, Newell, Marshall, Austin.

A Letter from the President of the Congress at Concord was received.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen, April 5, 1775. P.M. Present Messrs. Scollay, Newell, Marshall.

M^{r}. Joseph Smith appointed an Engine Man in Capt. Hunniman's Comp^{y}. Engine N°. 9 in the room of John Crosby gone to Sea.

[**89.**] Information was given that a Soldiers Child in part of M^{r}. Ranks House at the head of Cross Street, was taken Yesterday with the Small Pox & to be sent to the Hospital Ship.

The following advertisement sent for a place in the Thursday Spy.

The Publick are hereby informed that a Soldier's Child in M^{r}. Ranks House at the Head of Cross Street, was this Day taken with the Small Pox & is to be immediately removed, this House where a Flag is hung out, the Hospital at West Boston & the Hospital Ship in the Harbour are the only Places infected with the Distemper in this Town.

By Order of the Selectmen
WILLIAM COOPER, Town Clerk.

Boston, April 5. 1775

Sabbath Day April 9th. 1775.

Information was given the Selectmen by Doctor Jarvis that a Young Woman at M^{r}. Blakes near Doct^{r}. Boyles Meeting was taken ill with the small Pox & removed to the Hospital at West Boston on the Afternoon of said Day.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen April 12, 1775. Present, Messrs. Scollay, Newell, Marshall, Austin.

M^{r}. Sharp attended & resigned his Office as Master of the Fire Engine N°. 2 & recommended M^{r}. Joab Hunt as Master of said Engine who was accordingly appointed by the Selectmen.

This Day wrote M^{r}. Darrington Keeper of the Hospital at West Boston, to dismiss M^{r}. Mackintosh, who for some time past has been an assistant to M^{r}. Darrington.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Ap^{l}. 19, 1775. Present, Messrs. Newell, Marshall, Austin.

[At this point the record is suspended until May 20, 1776, for reasons readily apparent. This volume is therefore terminated at this date, for convenience. — W. H. W.]

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